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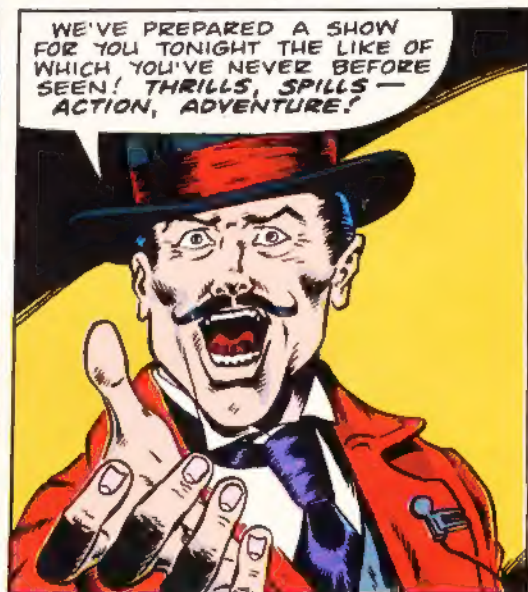
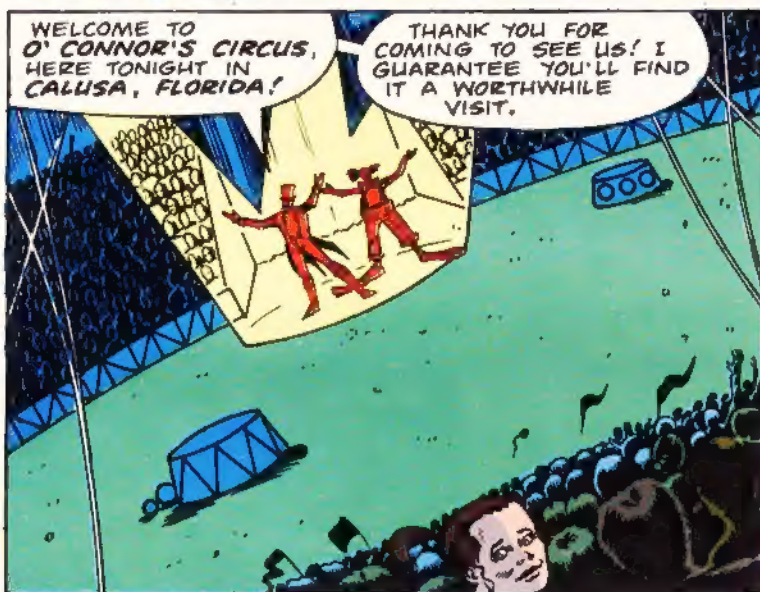
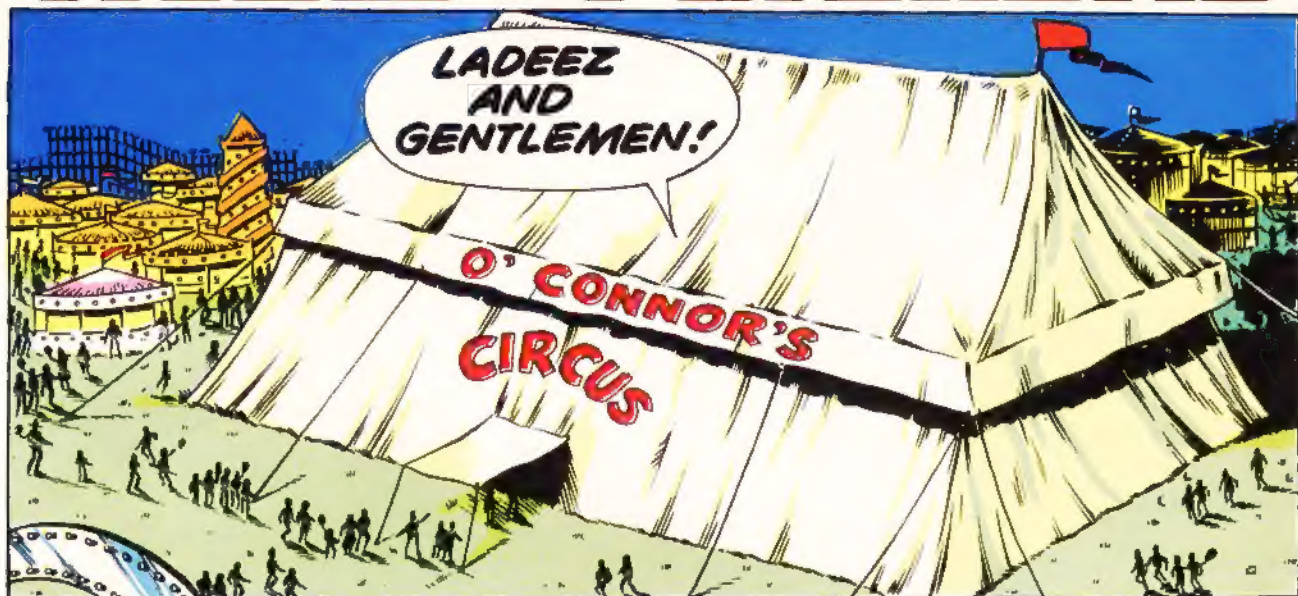
THIS SKY
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SWOOP

Vs.

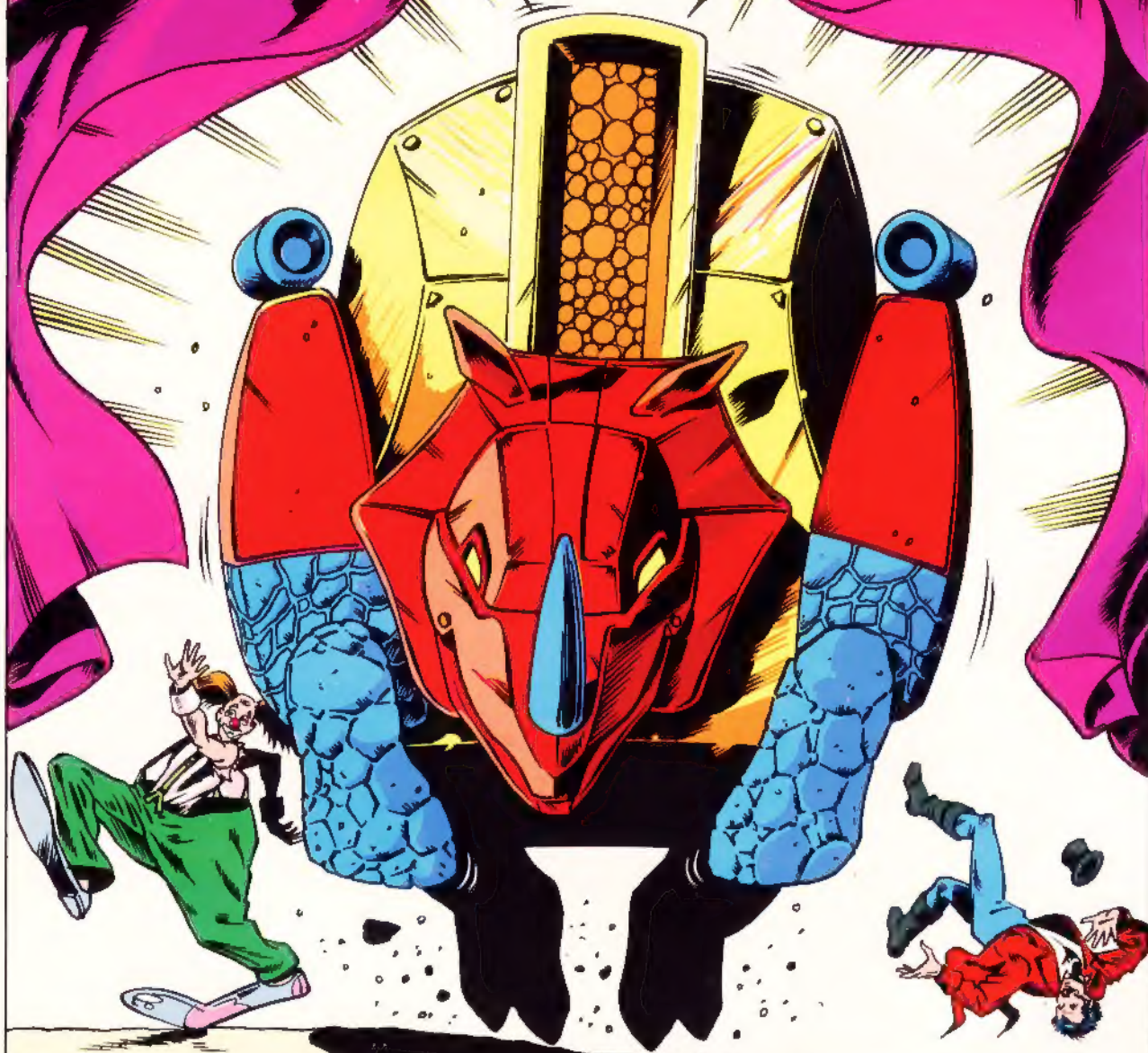
DIVEBOMB!

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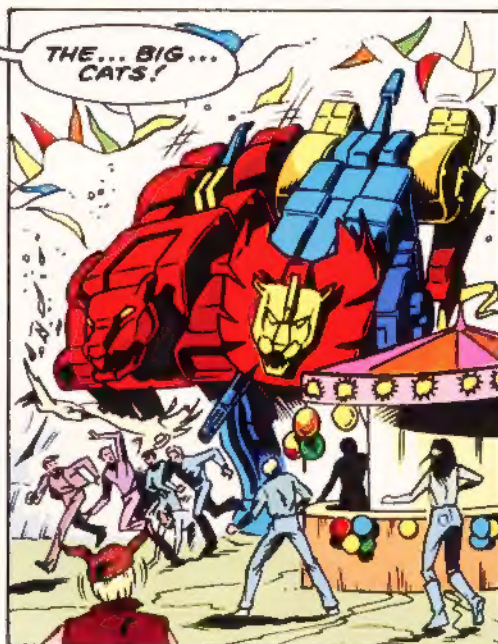
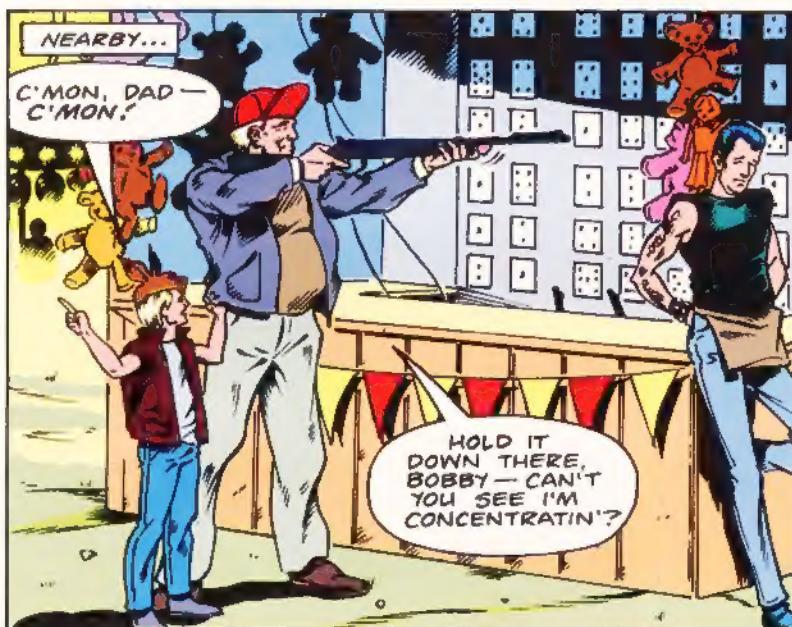
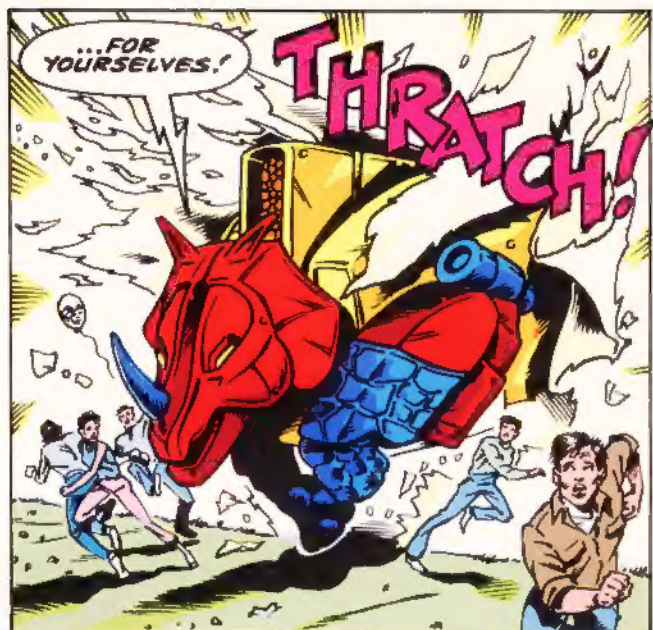
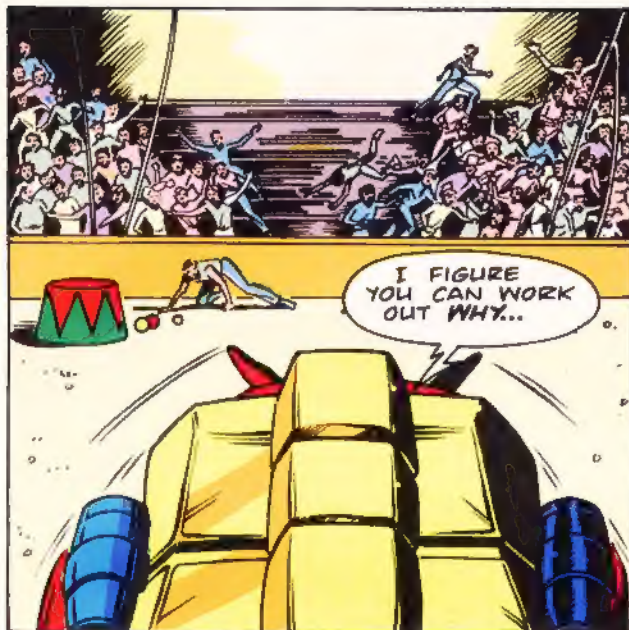
PREDACONS!

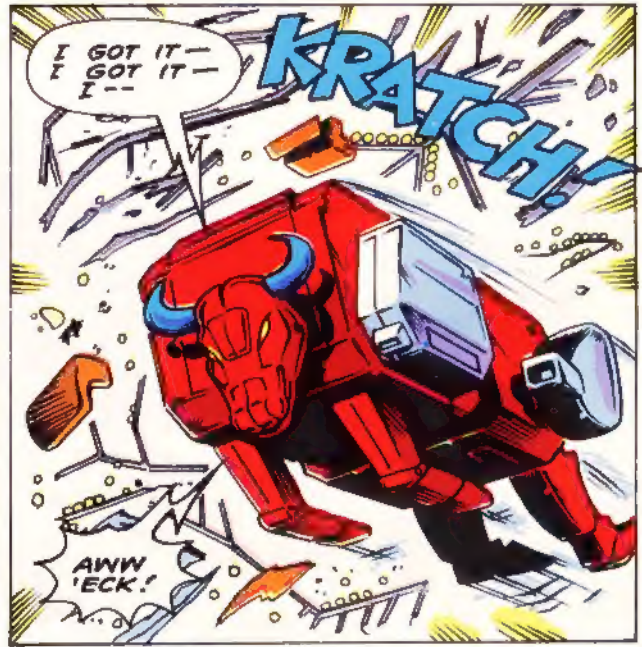
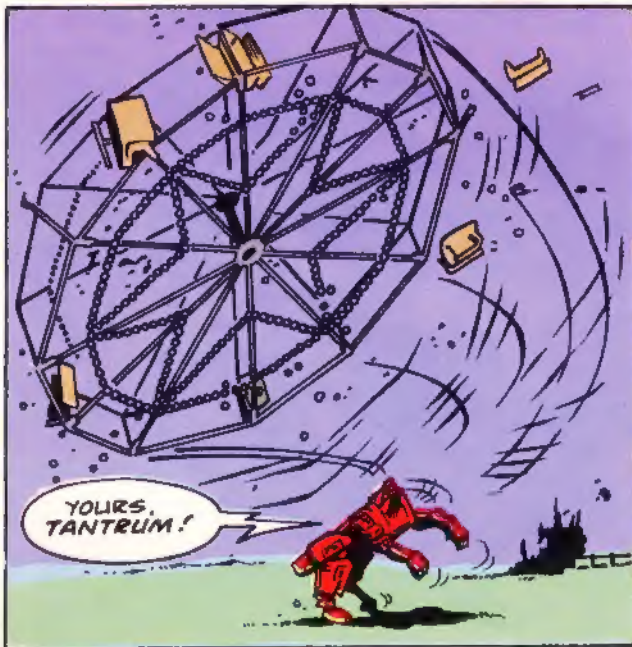
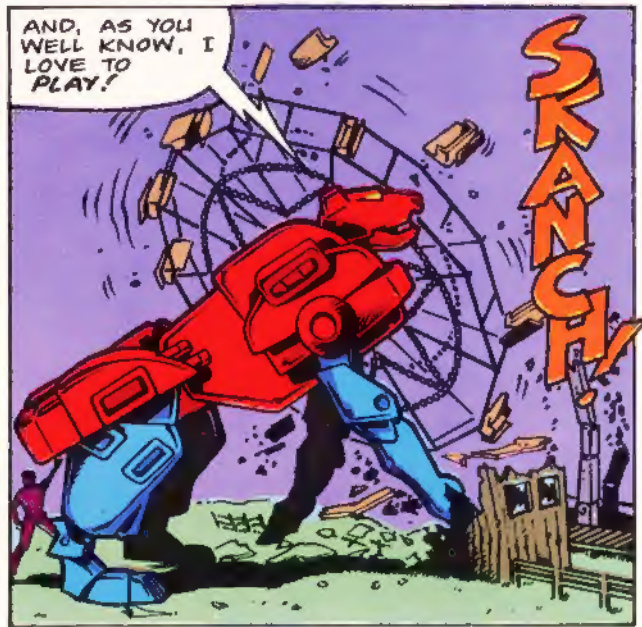
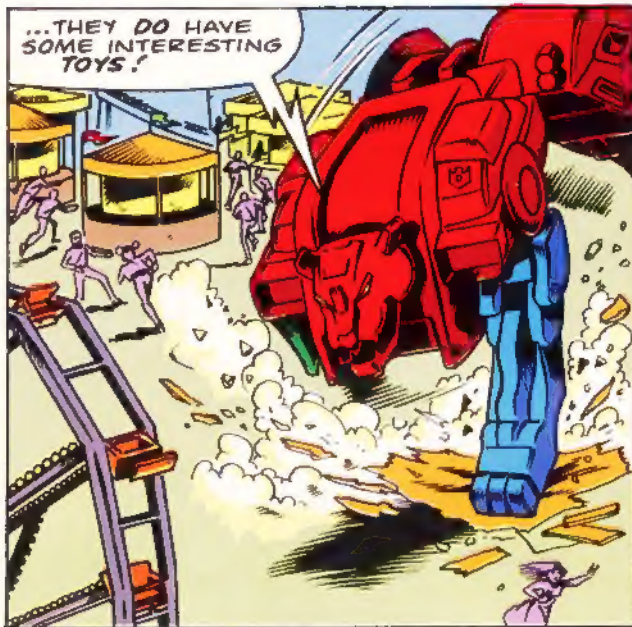
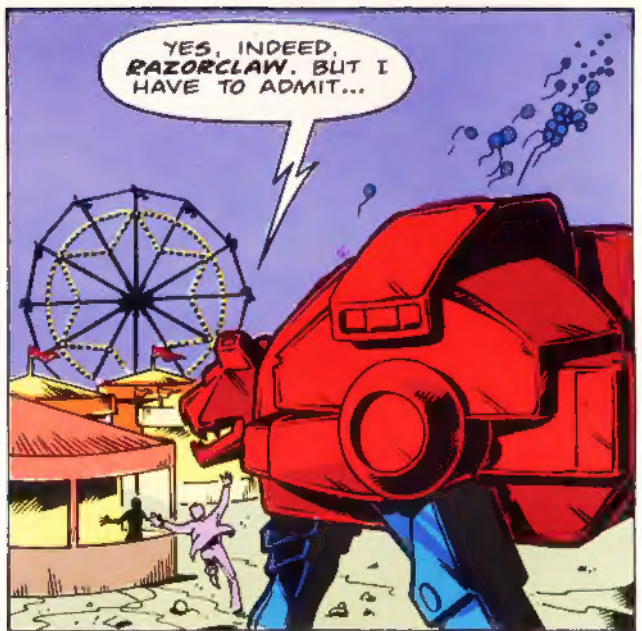
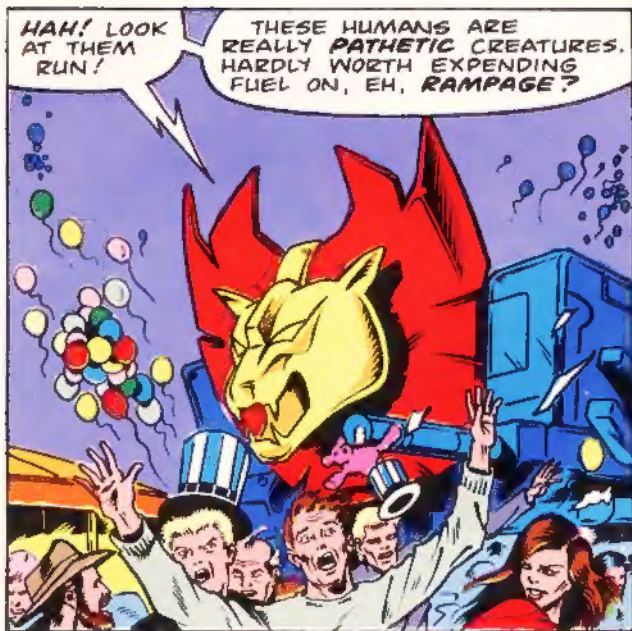
HI THERE,
FOLKS — I'M
HEADSTRONG!

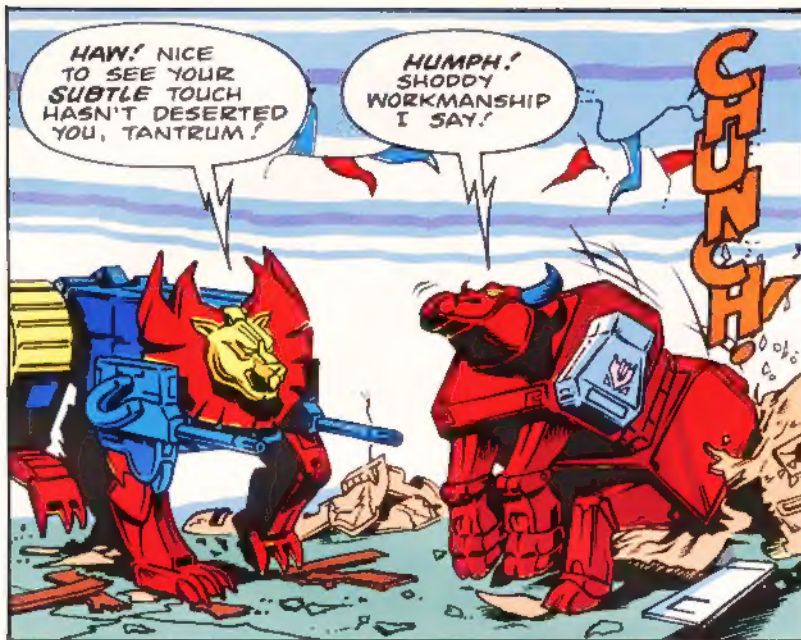


GRUDGE MATCH!

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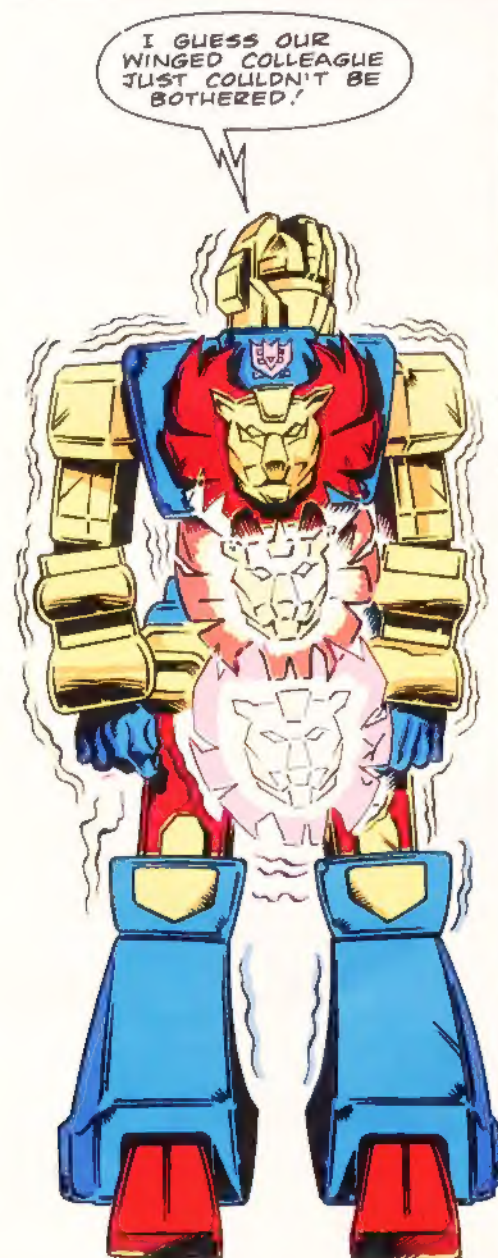
HAW! NICE TO SEE YOUR **SUBTLE TOUCH** HASN'T DESERTED YOU, TANTRUM!

HUMPH! SHODDY WORKMANSHIP I SAY!

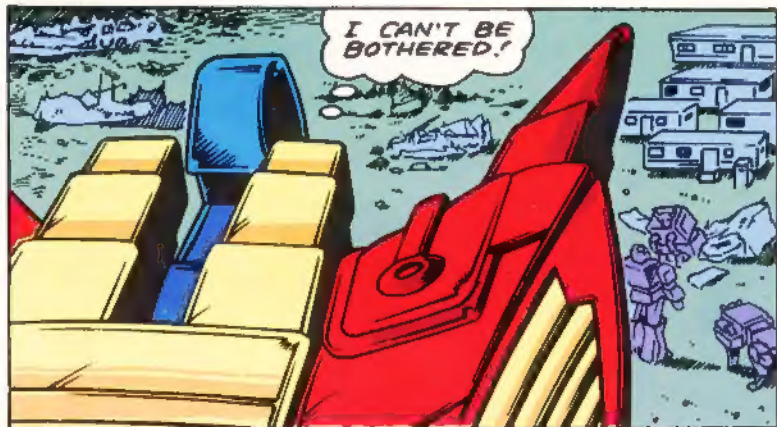
CHUNCH!

HMMM. ANY OF YOU SEEN **DIVEBOMB**? I'D HAVE THOUGHT HE WOULD ENJOY PUTTING THE WIND UP A FEW HUMANS!

AFTER ALL — HE'S THE ONE WHO SAID HE WAS **BORED** IN THE FIRST PLACE!



I GUESS OUR **WINGED COLLEAGUE** JUST COULDN'T BE **BOtherED**!



I CAN'T BE **BOtherED**!



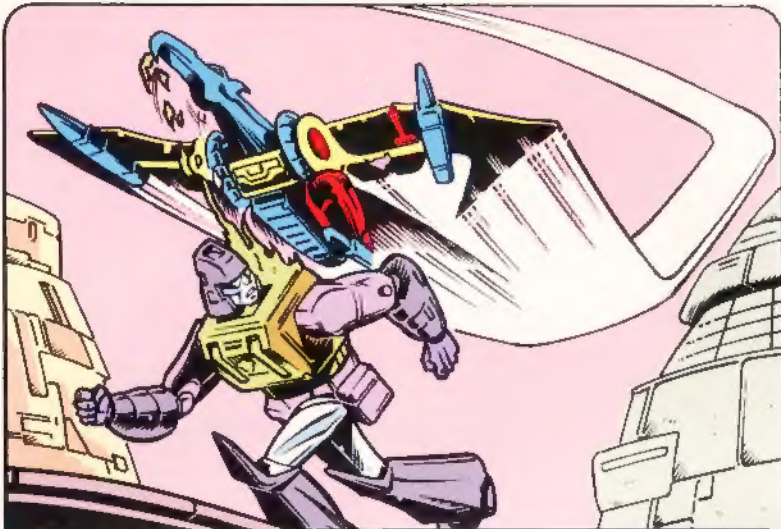
I MEAN, WHAT'S THE POINT IN SCARING A FEW INFERIOR BEINGS? OKAY, IT'S A BIT OF IDLE FUN, BUT THAT'S **NOT** WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR WHEN I JOINED THE **Predacons**!



THINGS STARTED OUT QUITE PROMISINGLY. NOW... **OPTIMUS PRIME** AND **MEGATRON** WERE CHALLENGES WORTHY OF OUR PROWESS*.

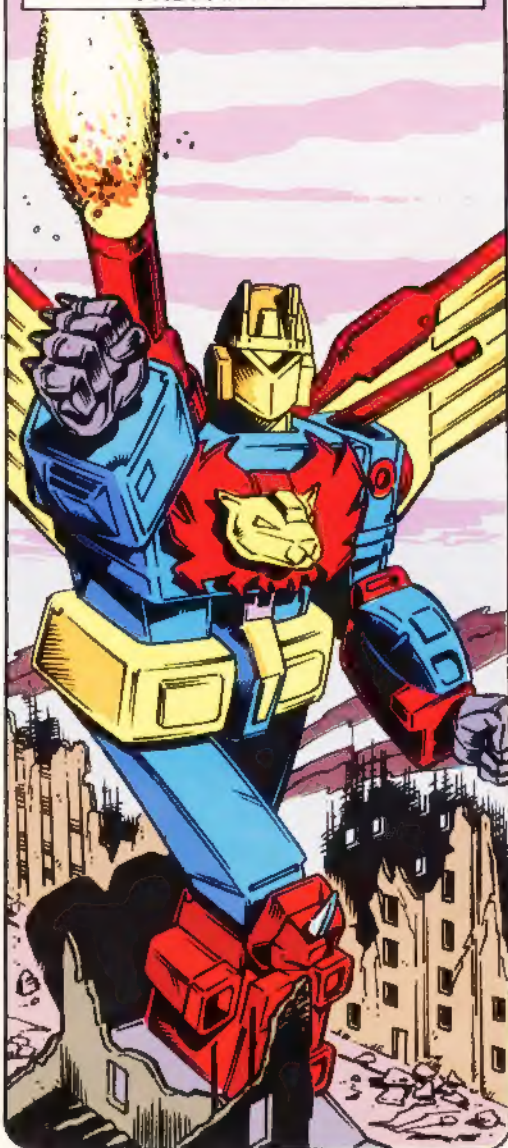
* IN ISSUES 97 & 108, RESPECTIVELY.

BUT SINCE THEN IT'S BEEN DULL, DULL, DULL! I MUCH PREFERRED THE PERPETUAL COMBAT THAT WAS AN EVERY-DAY FEATURE OF LIFE ON OUR HOMEWORLD—CYBERTRON!



"THERE I COULD FUNCTION TO THE FULL EXTENT OF MY ABILITIES, AS A LONER RATHER THAN A TEAM-MEMBER. I'D CUT OUT ALTOGETHER, RETURN TO CYBERTRON..."

"...BUT THAT WOULD LEAVE MY FELLOW PREDACONS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE COMBINATION PROCESS THAT FORMS PREDAKING!"



YEAH—I'D LIKE TO LEAVE, BUT THAT ISN'T REALLY WHAT'S BUGGING ME. NAH—IT'S STILL THE SAME OLD THING. THE 'ONE THAT GOT AWAY', IF YOU WILL.



THE MEMORY OF OUR LAST BATTLE STILL HAUNTS ME!

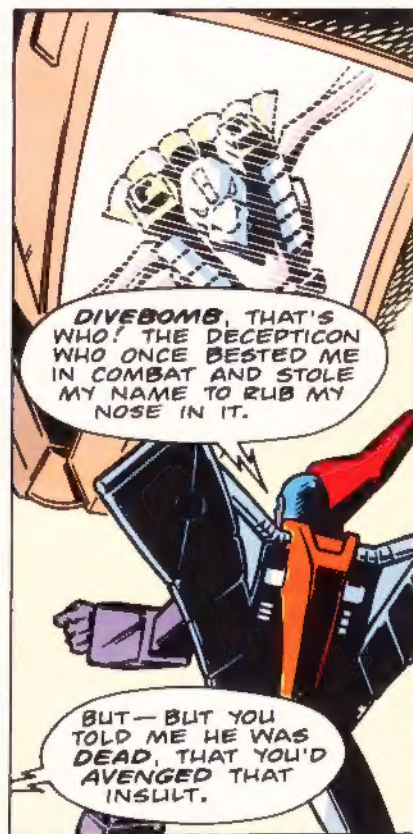
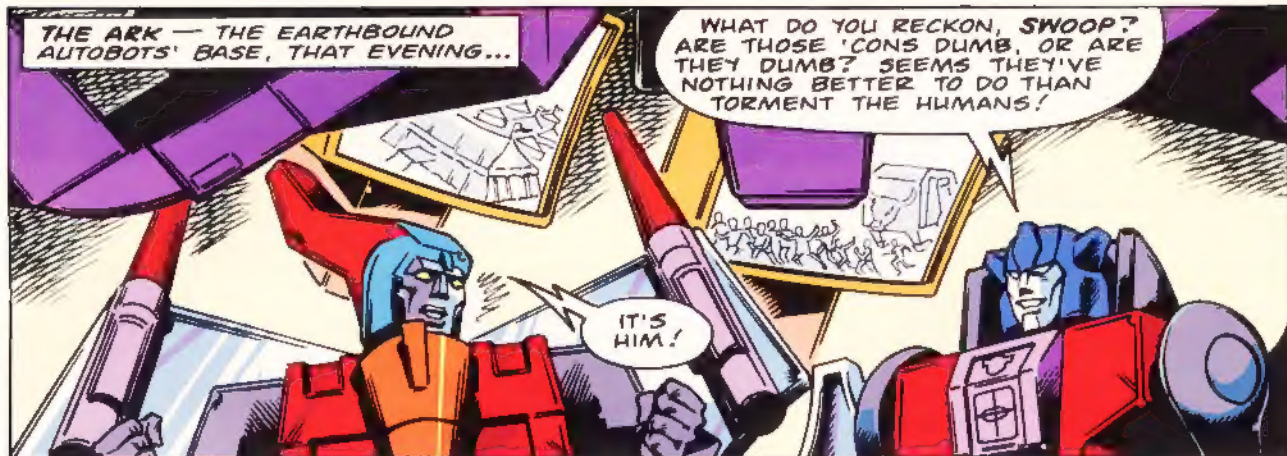


I CAN'T HELP WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AUTOBOT WHOSE NAME I STOLE ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

"...WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ORIGINAL DIVEBOMB?"



IT'S HIM!





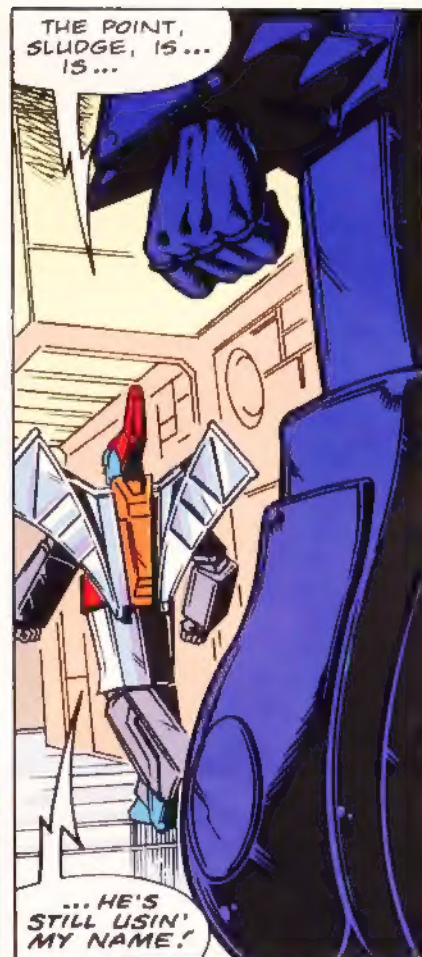
THE POINT? THE POINT, SLUDGE, IS THAT YOU ONLY KNOW MY VERSION OF EVENTS!

YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF MY LIES — MY SHAME!



I'M TEMPTED TO TELL YOU WHAT REALLY HAPPENED THE LAST TIME I CLASHED WITH DIVEBOMB — UNBURDEN MYSELF!

BUT CAN I LIVE THE TAUNTS, THE RIDICULE? ESPECIALLY, AS EVERYONE WOULD KNOW THAT HE SAVED ME!



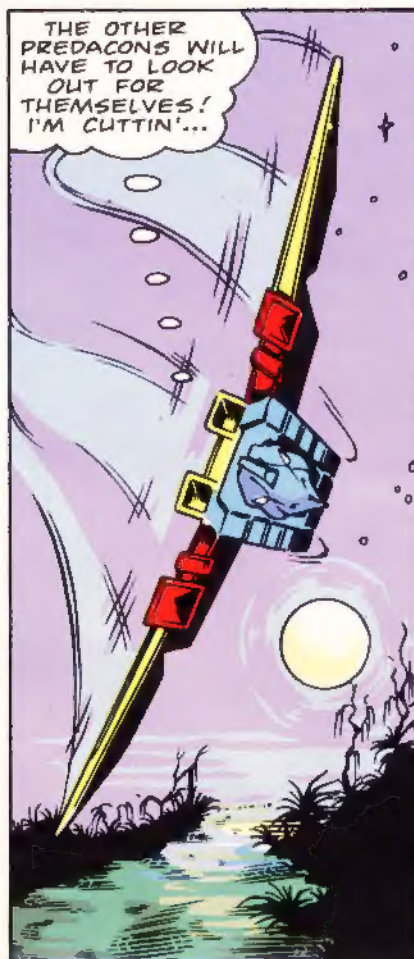
THE POINT, SLUDGE, IS... IS...

... HE'S STILL USIN' MY NAME!

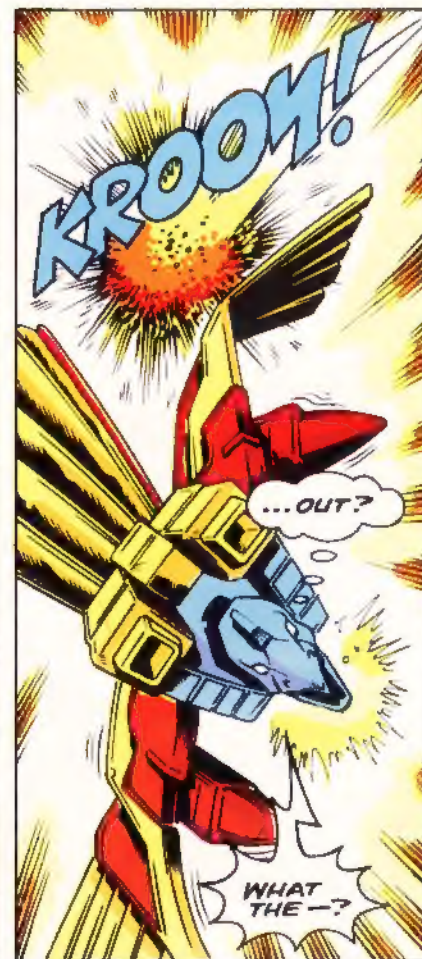


LATER...

IT'S NO GOOD! THIS MINDLESS INACTIVITY WILL DRIVE ME MAD!



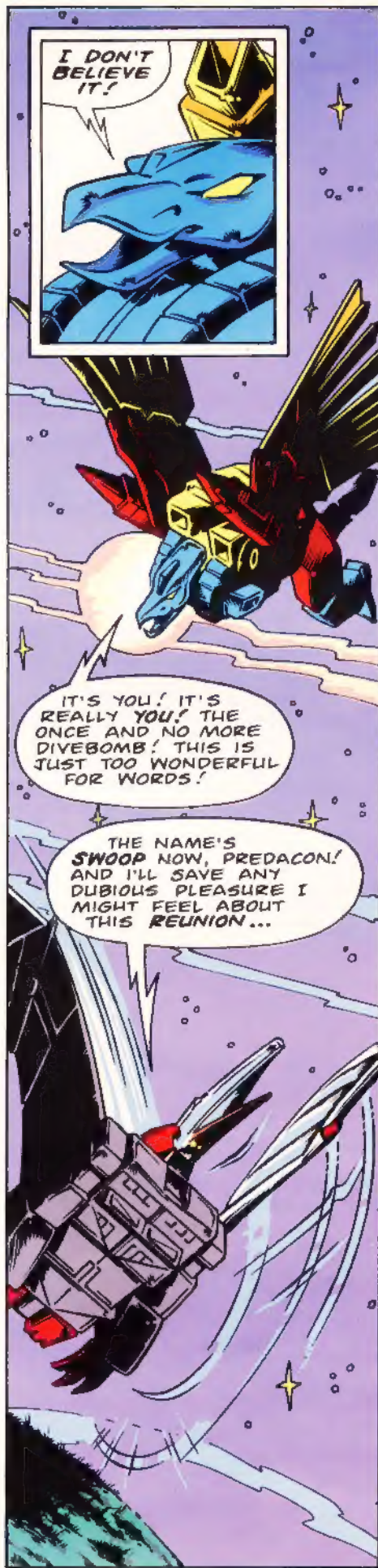
THE OTHER PREDACONS WILL HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES! I'M CUTTIN'...



KROON!

...OUT?

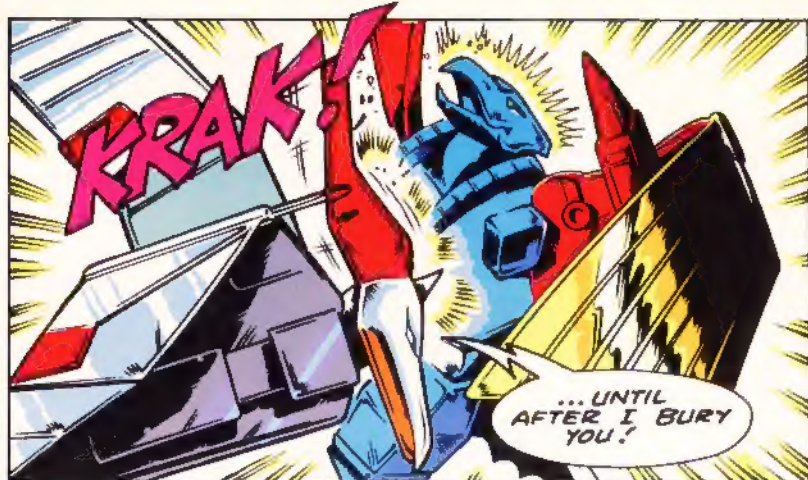
WHAT THE—?



I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

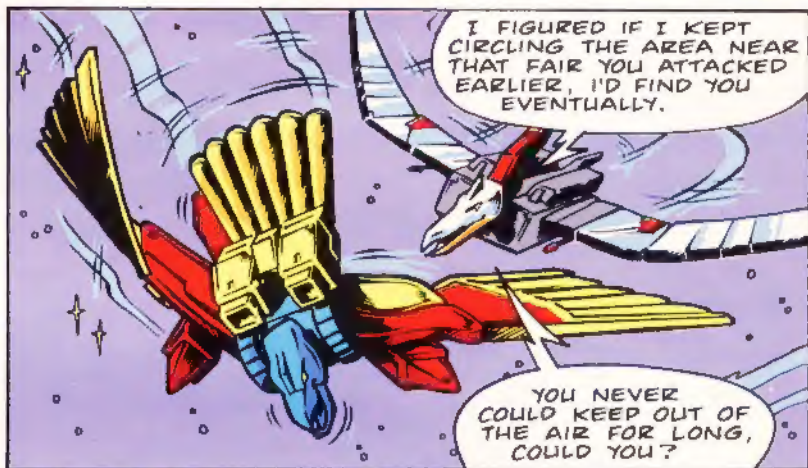
IT'S YOU! IT'S REALLY YOU! THE ONCE AND NO MORE DIVEBOMB! THIS IS JUST TOO WONDERFUL FOR WORDS!

THE NAME'S SWOOP NOW, PREDACON! AND I'LL SAVE ANY DUBIOUS PLEASURE I MIGHT FEEL ABOUT THIS REUNION...



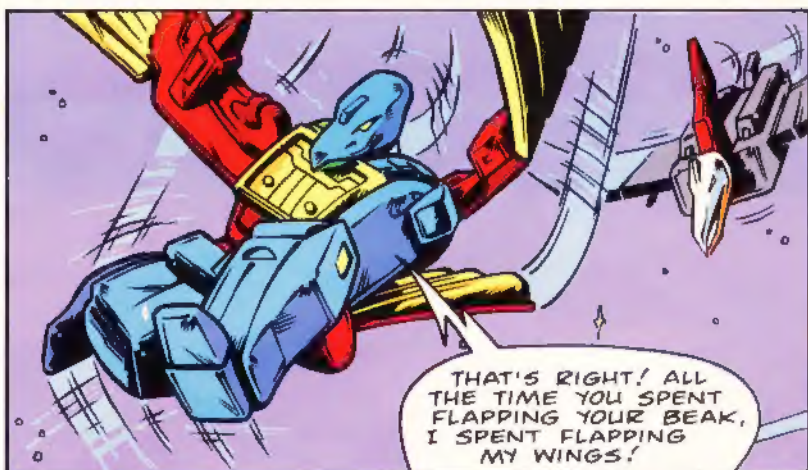
KRAK!

...UNTIL AFTER I BURY YOU!

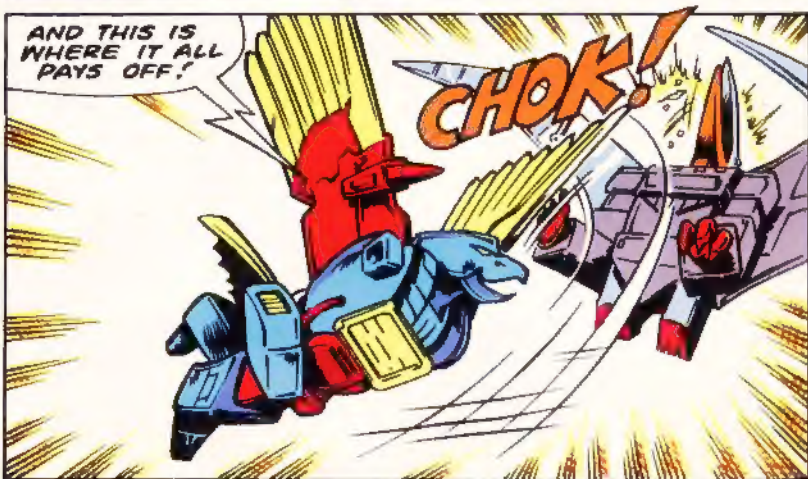


I FIGURED IF I KEPT CIRCLING THE AREA NEAR THAT FAIR YOU ATTACKED EARLIER, I'D FIND YOU EVENTUALLY.

YOU NEVER COULD KEEP OUT OF THE AIR FOR LONG, COULD YOU?



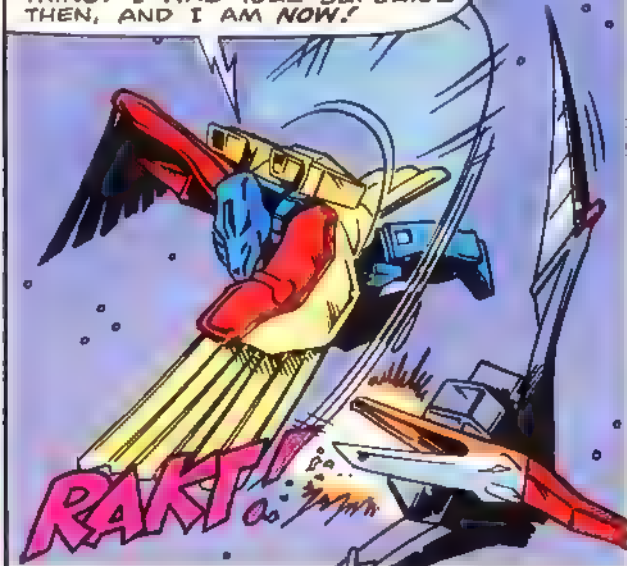
THAT'S RIGHT! ALL THE TIME YOU SPENT FLAPPING YOUR BEAK, I SPENT FLAPPING MY WINGS!



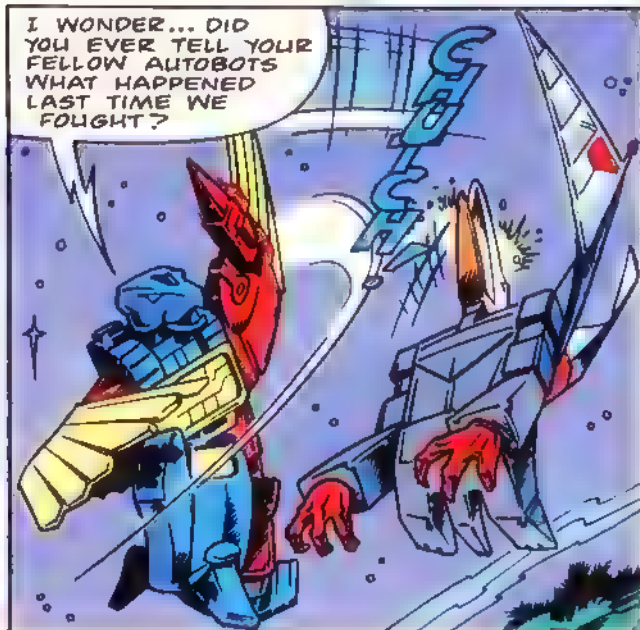
AND THIS IS WHERE IT ALL PAYS OFF!

CHOK!

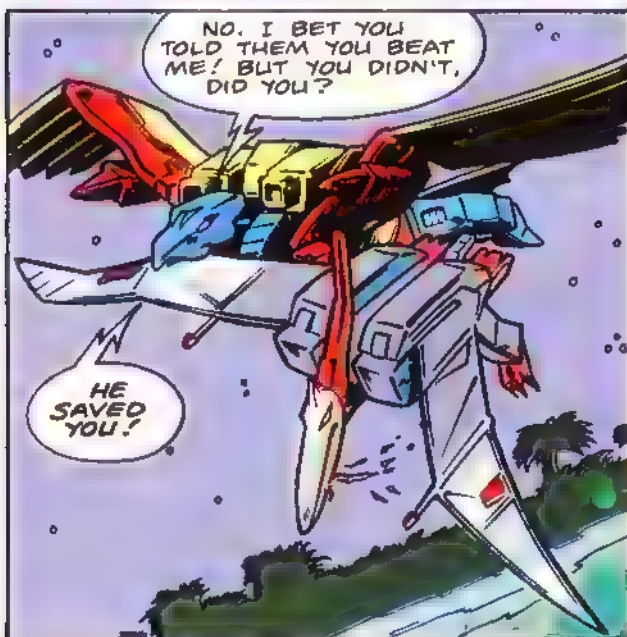
FACE FACTS. THE INTERVENING YEARS HAVEN'T CHANGED A THING! I WAS YOUR SUPERIOR THEN, AND I AM NOW!



I WONDER... DID YOU EVER TELL YOUR FELLOW AUTOBOTS WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME WE FOUGHT?

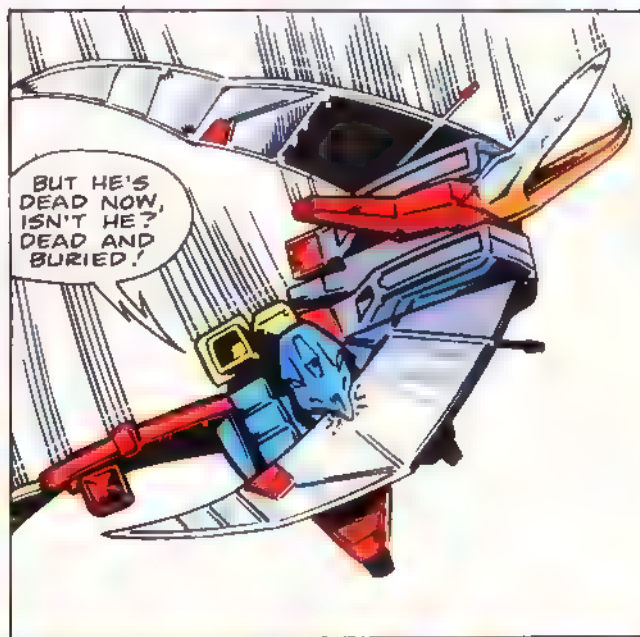


NO. I BET YOU TOLD THEM YOU BEAT ME! BUT YOU DIDN'T, DID YOU?

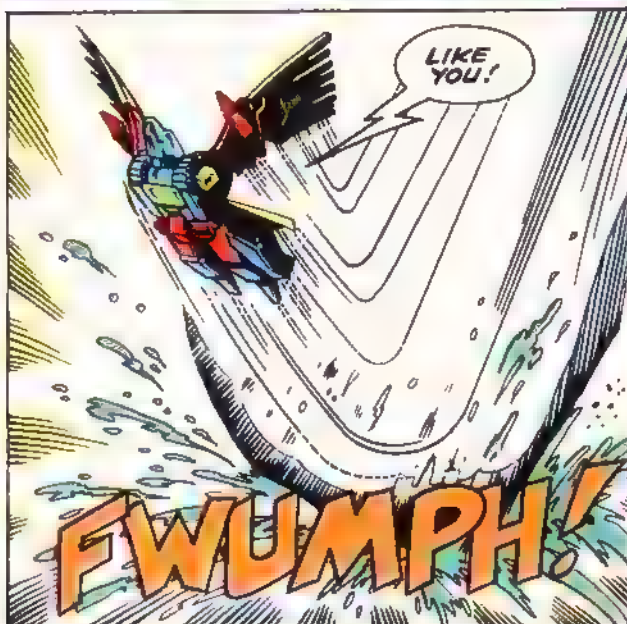


HE SAVED YOU!

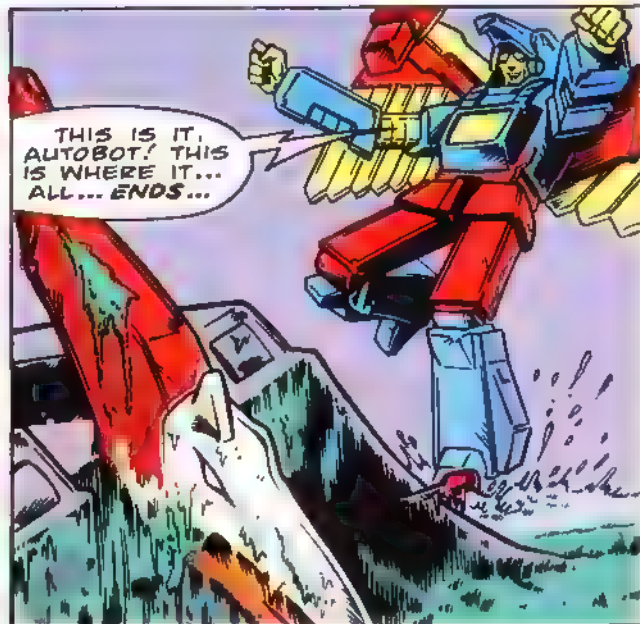
BUT HE'S DEAD NOW, ISN'T HE? DEAD AND BURIED!

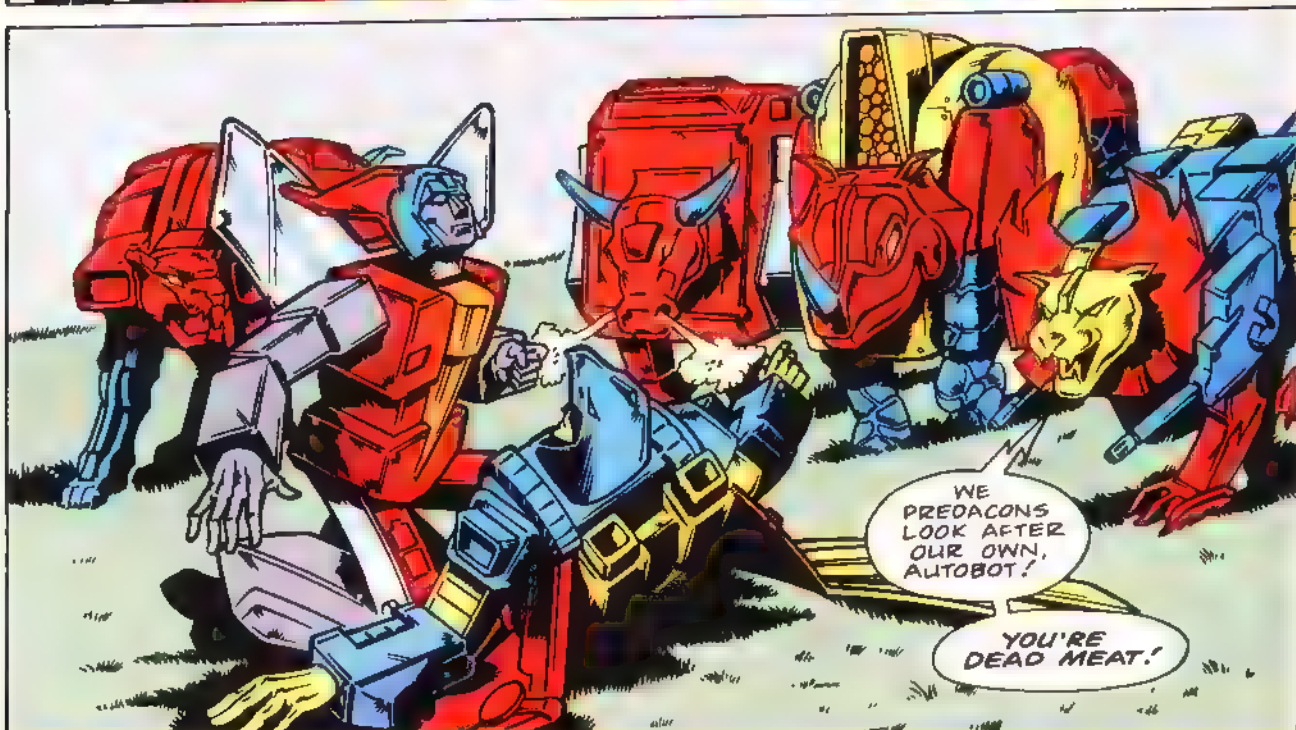
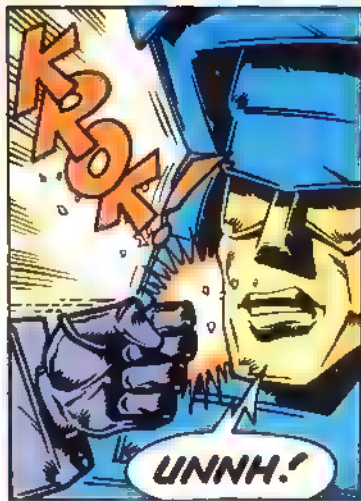


LIKE YOU!



THIS IS IT, AUTOBOT! THIS IS WHERE IT... ALL... ENDS...





NEXT: TRUE CONFESSIONS!

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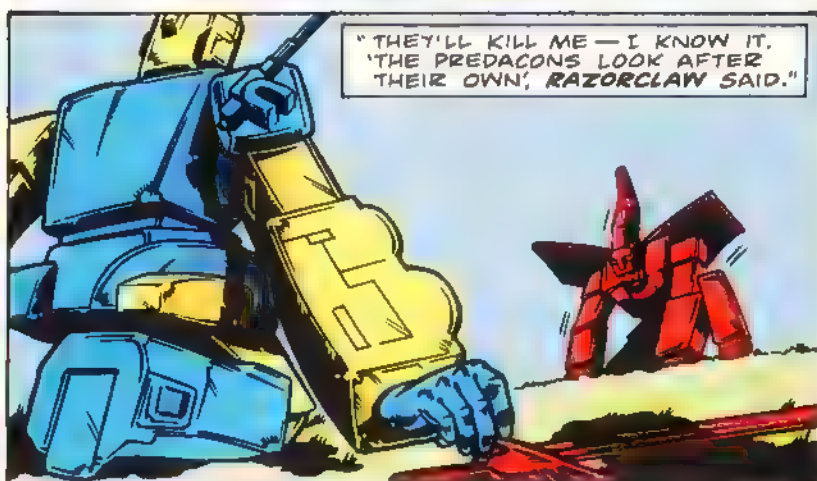
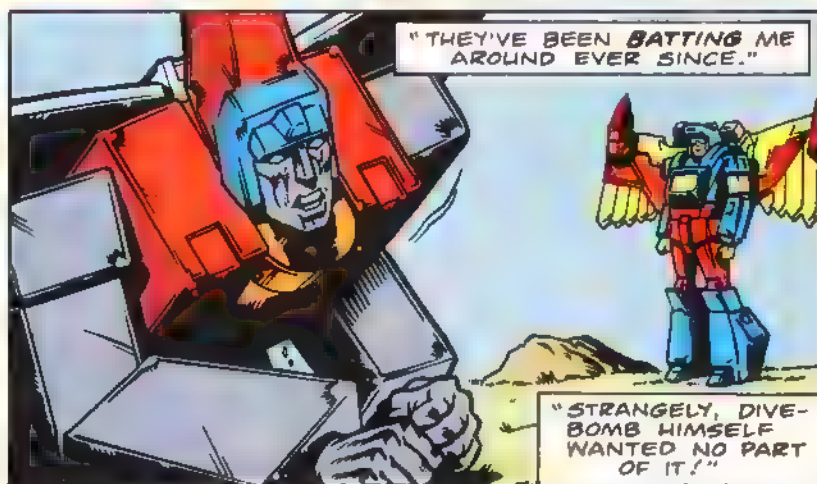
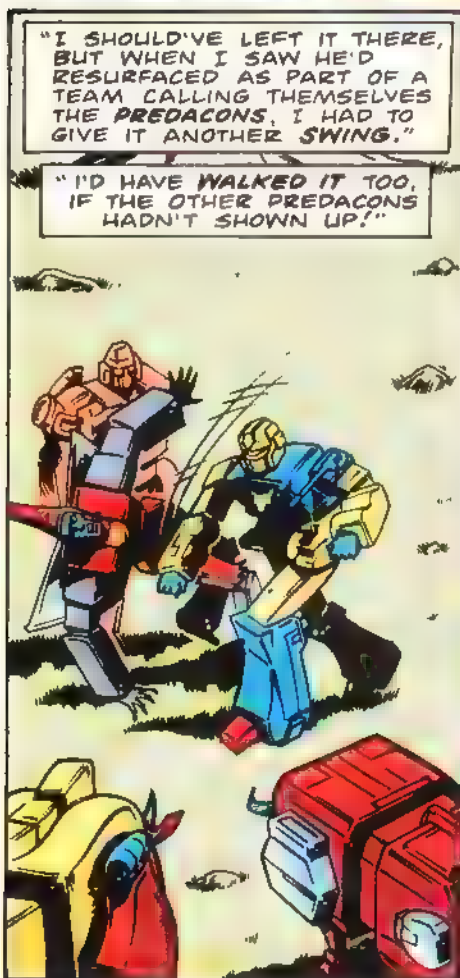
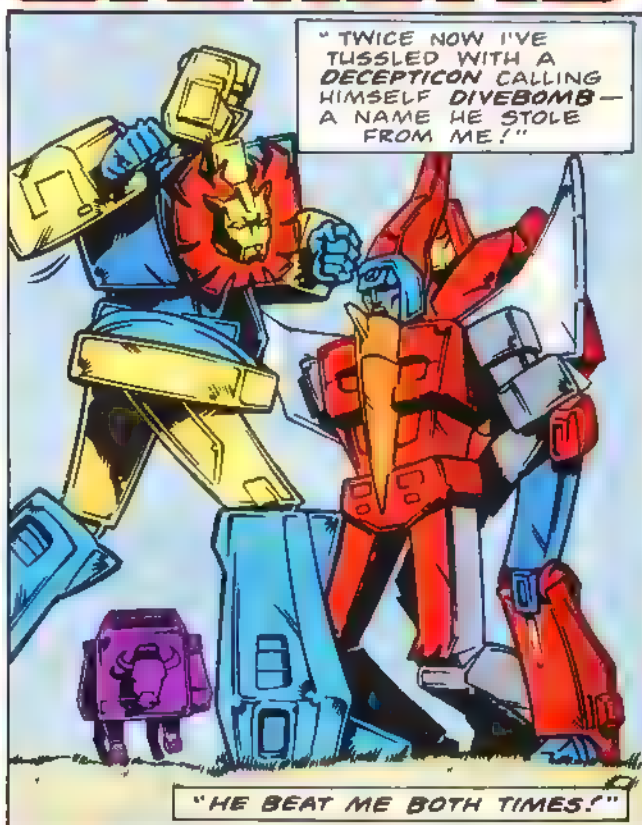
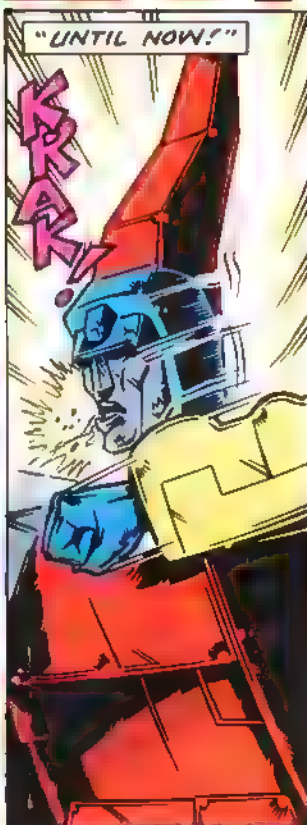
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"STILL, AT LEAST
IT CAN'T GET
ANY WORSE!"

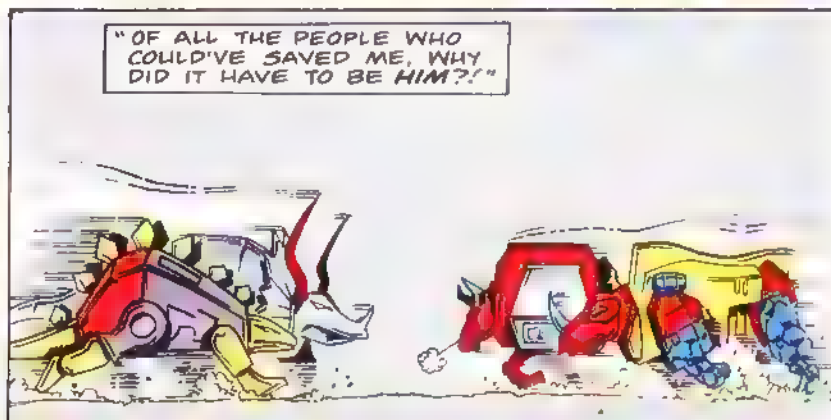
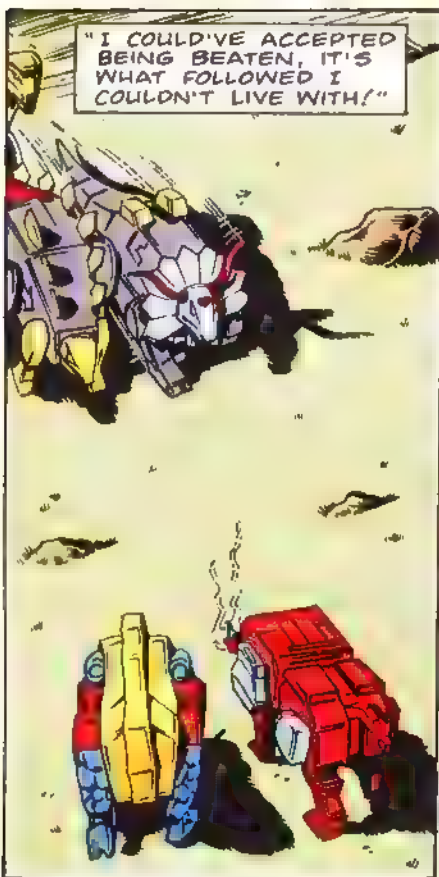
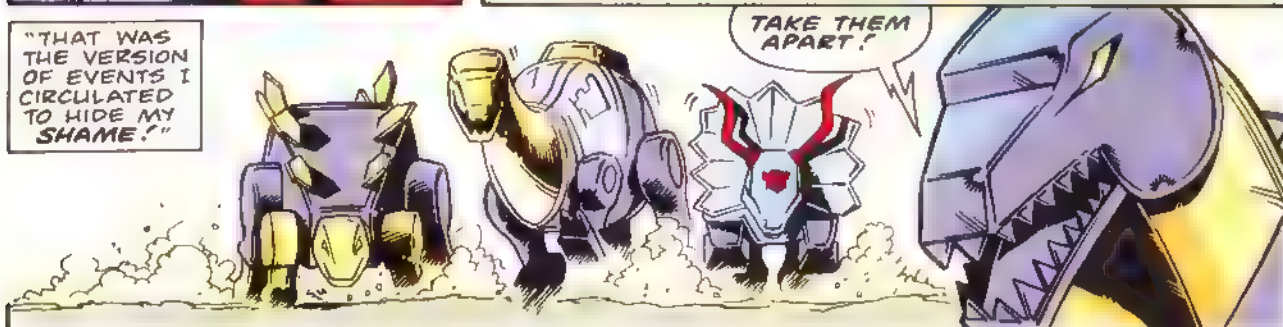
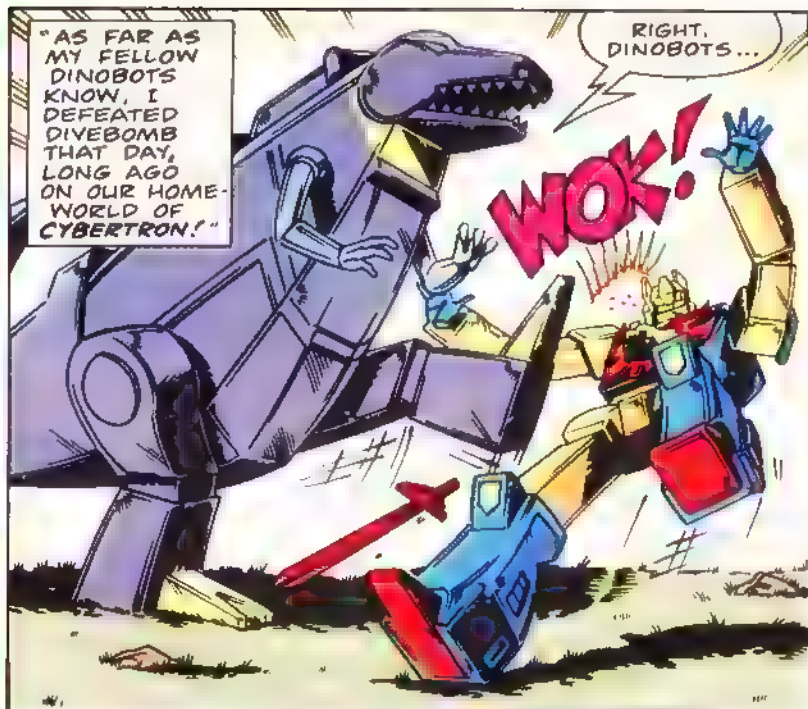
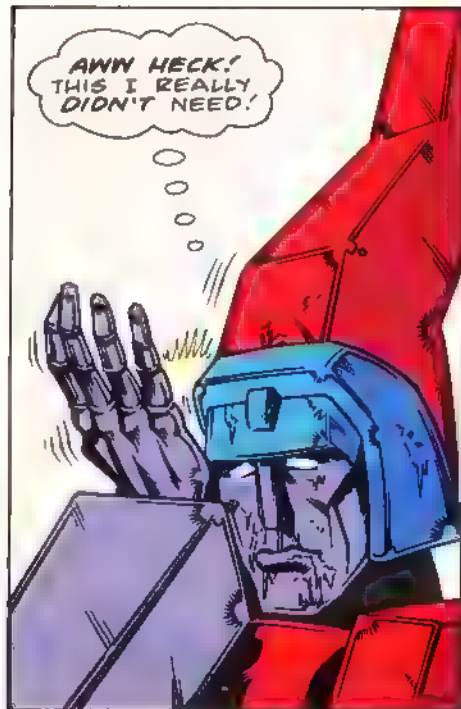
"UH-UH—SCRATCH THAT.
STRIKE FOUR!"

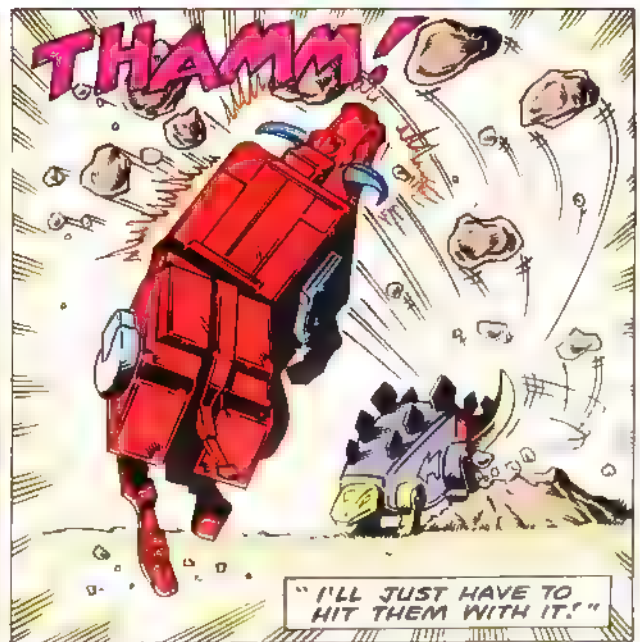
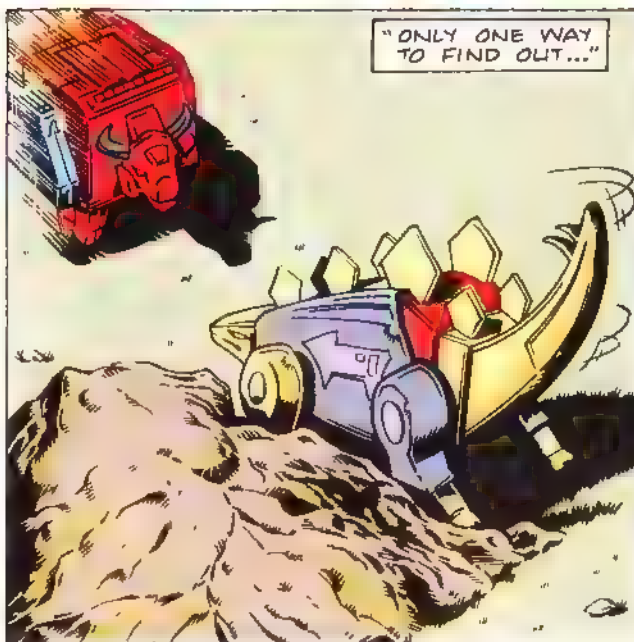
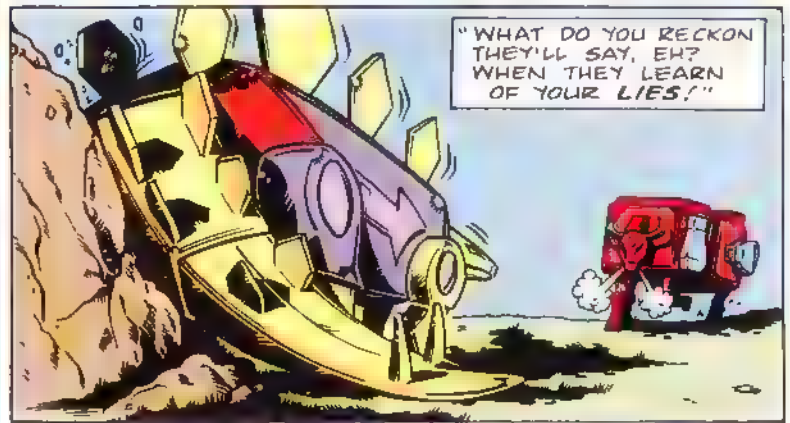
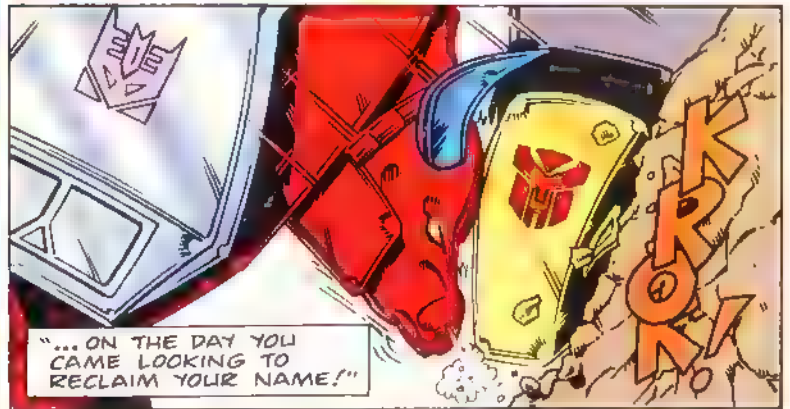
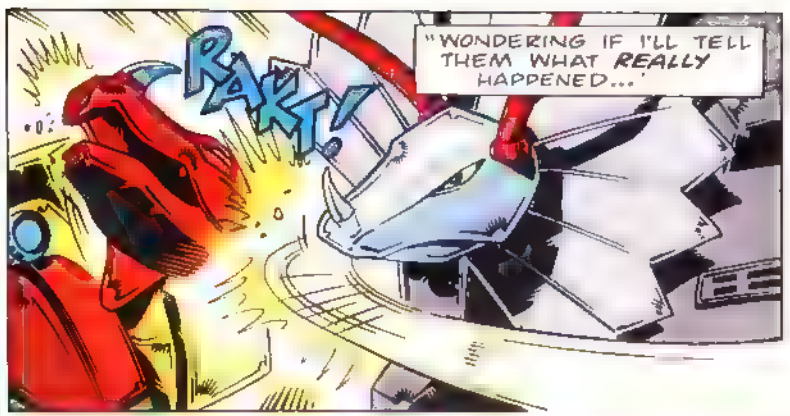
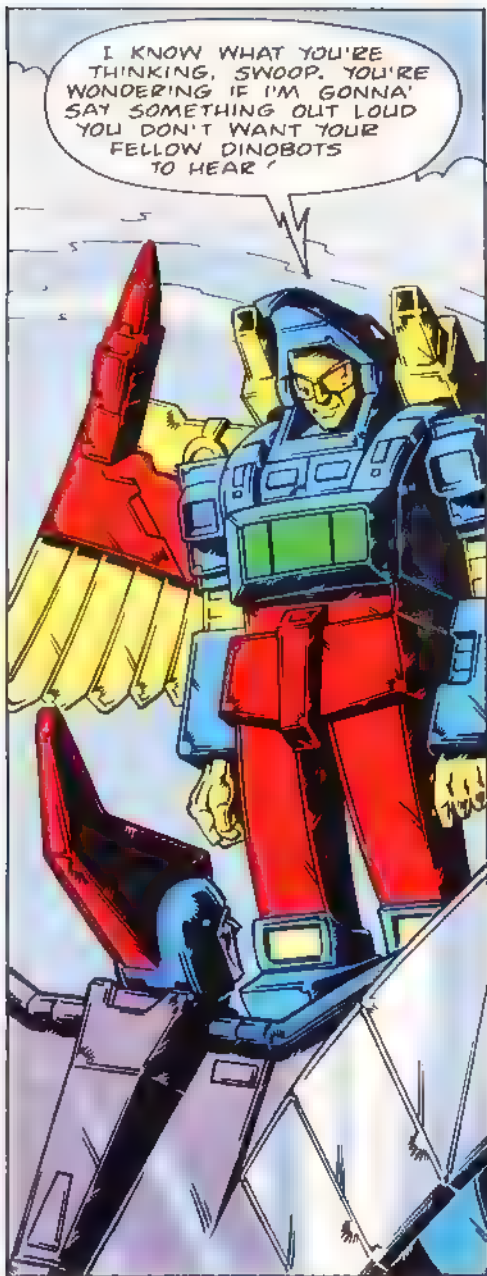
NO YA'
DON'T! THAT'S
SWOOP YOU'RE
ROUGHING UP—
A DINOBOT!

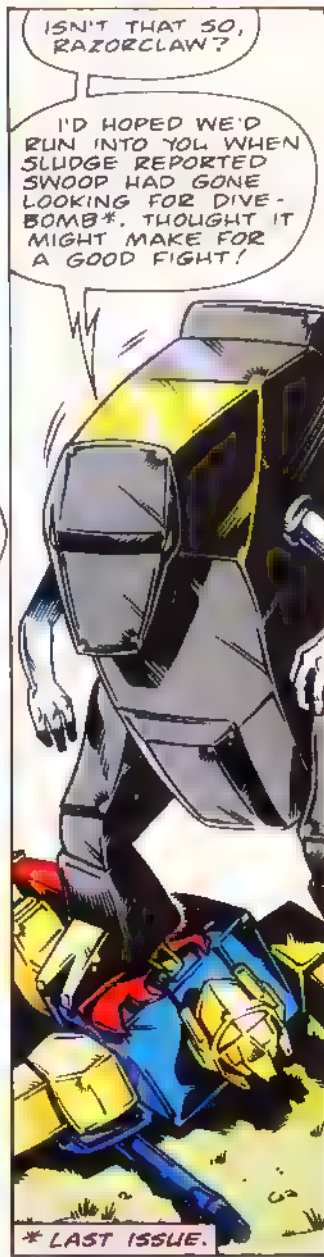
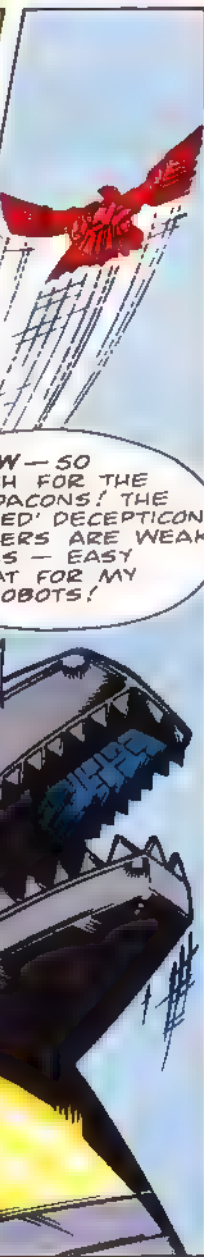
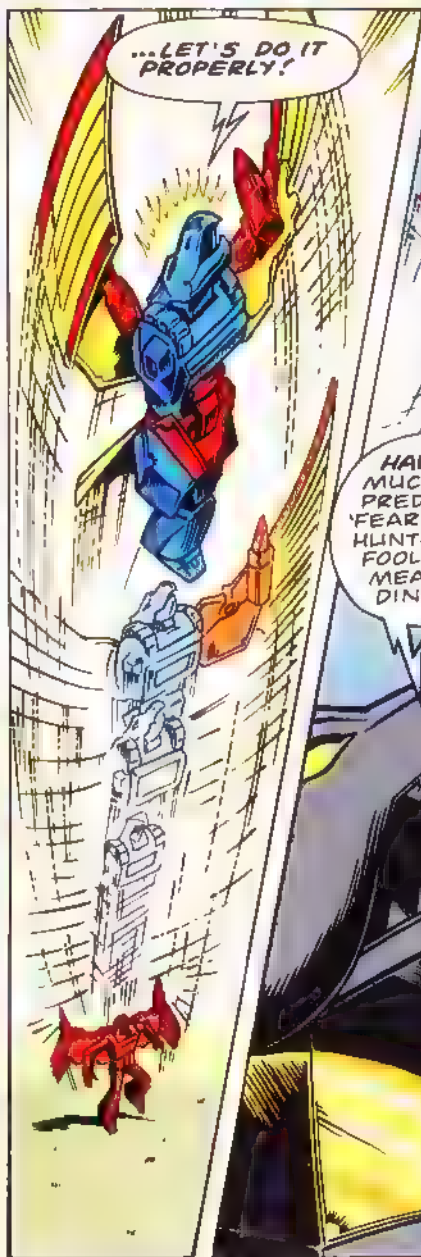
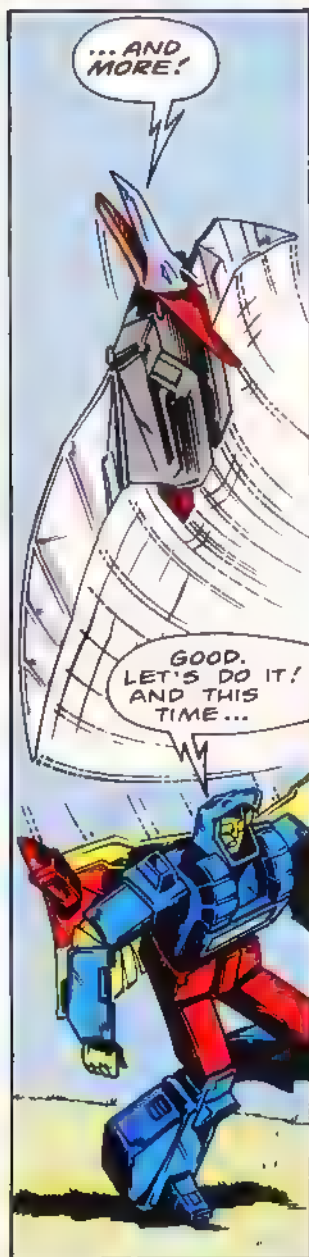
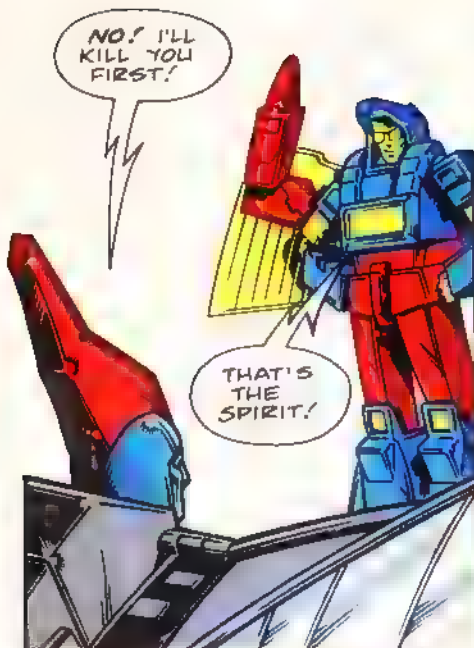
AND WE
DINOBOOTS LOOK
AFTER OUR
OWN!

GRUDGE MATCH!

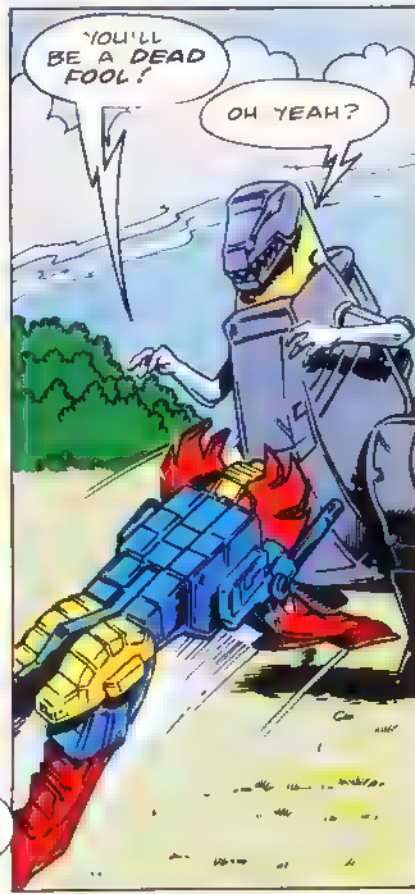
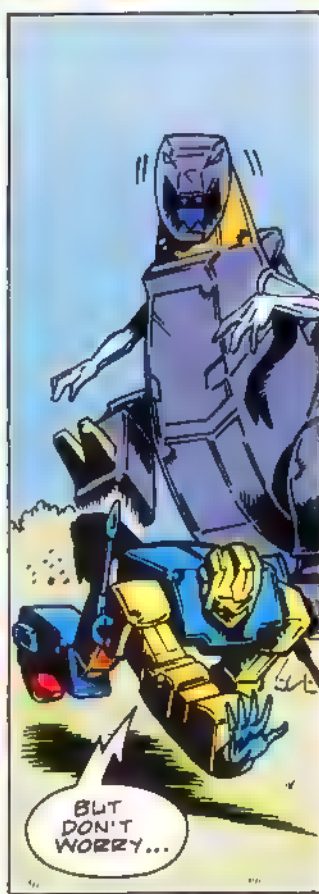
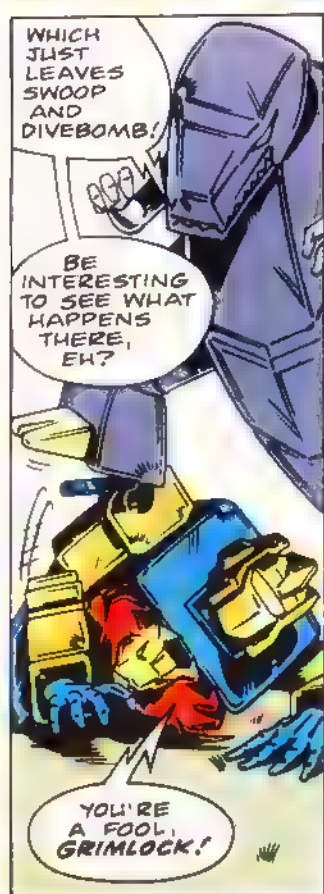
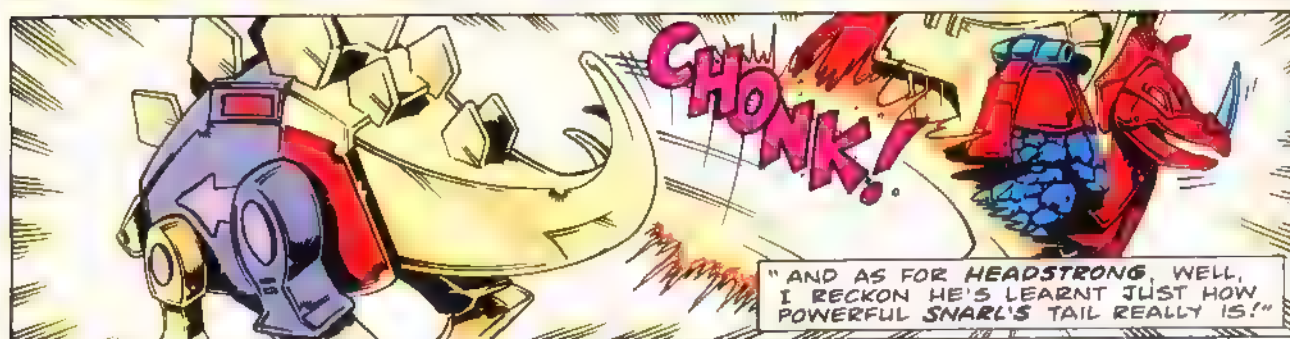
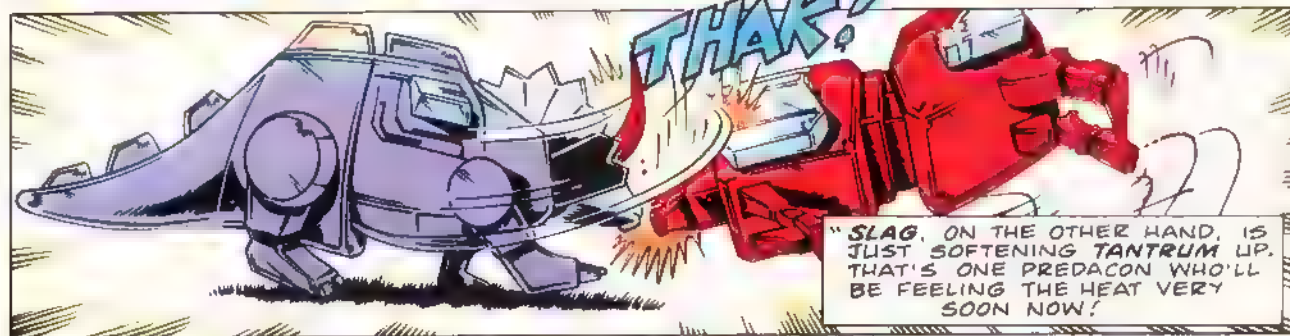
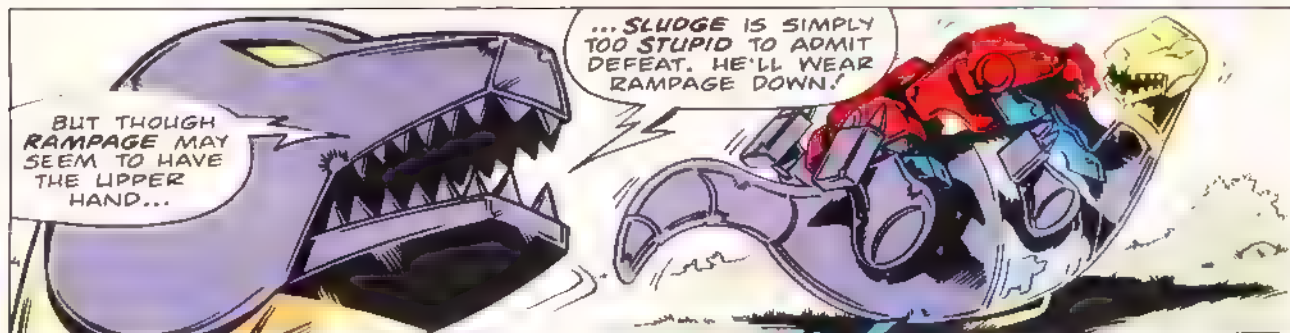
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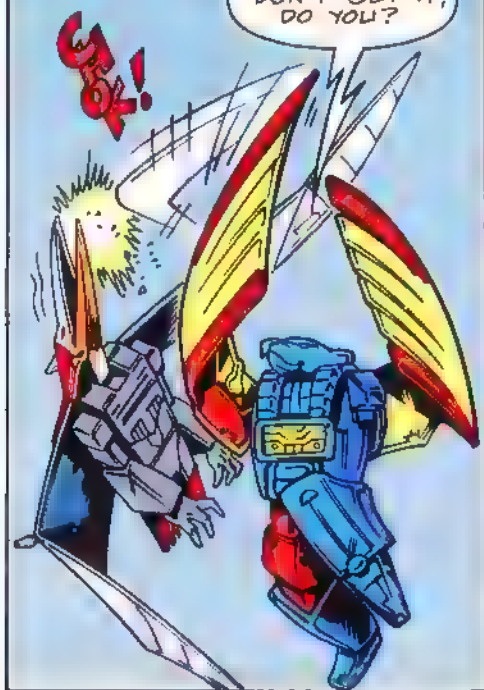


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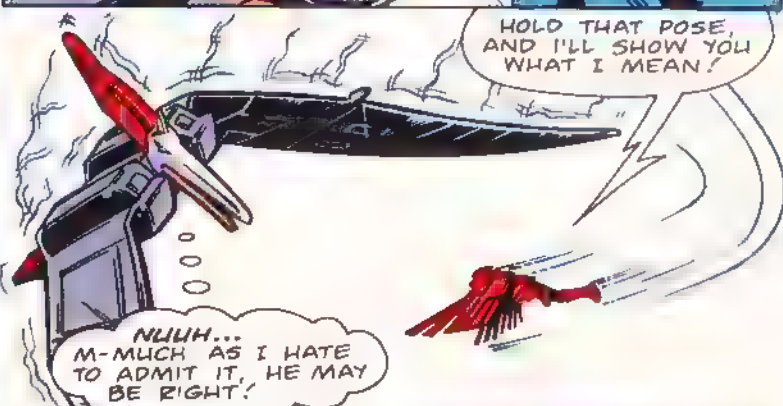
MEANWHILE...

YOU STILL
DON'T GET IT,
DO YOU?



YOU'RE TOUGH, I'LL
GRANT YOU THAT. BUT
AGAINST ME IT SIMPLY
ISN'T ENOUGH!

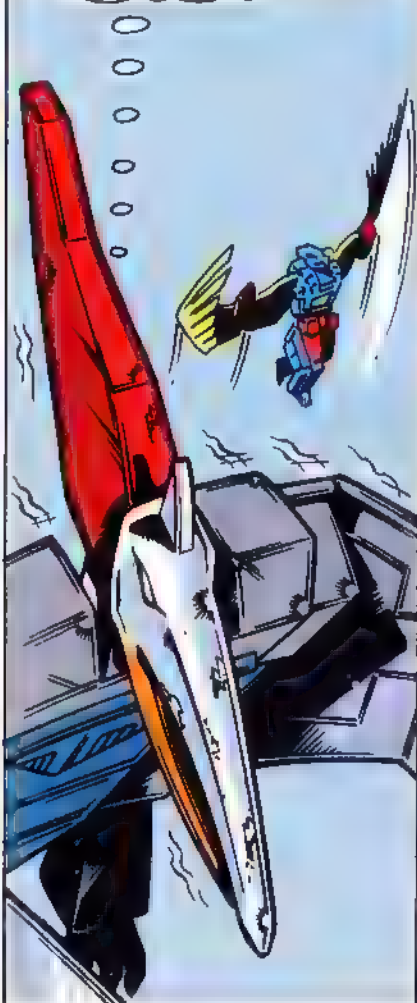
RAK!



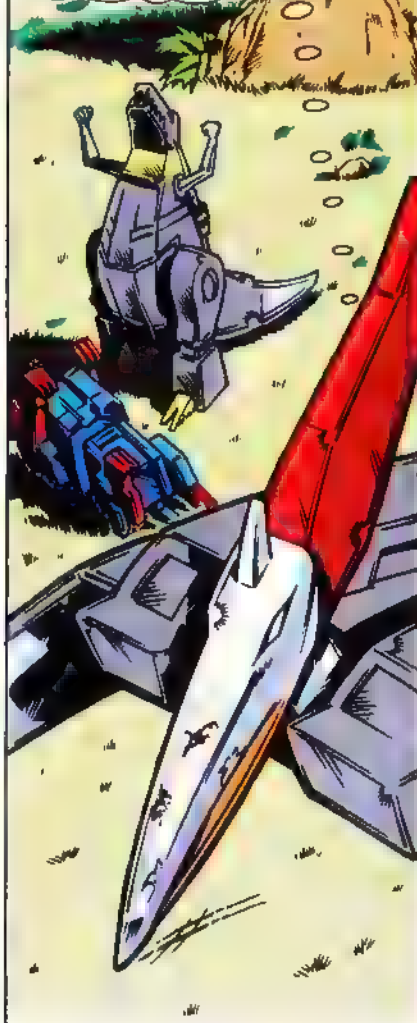
HOLD THAT POSE,
AND I'LL SHOW YOU
WHAT I MEAN!

NUHH...
M-MUCH AS I HATE
TO ADMIT IT, HE MAY
BE RIGHT!

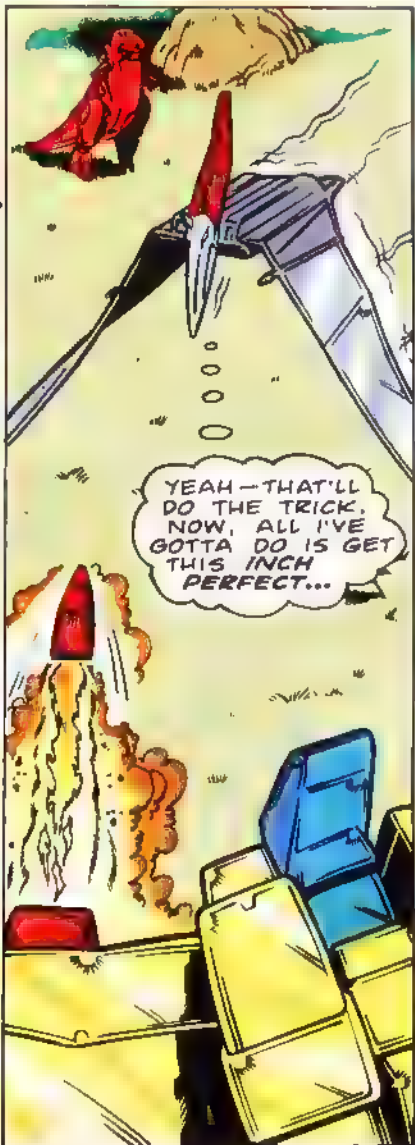
I'M PLAYING IN THE BIG
LEAGUES HERE! UNLESS
I DO SOMETHING PRETTY
SOON, HE'S GONNA BLOW
ME OUT OF THE SKY! BUT
WHAT... WHAT?

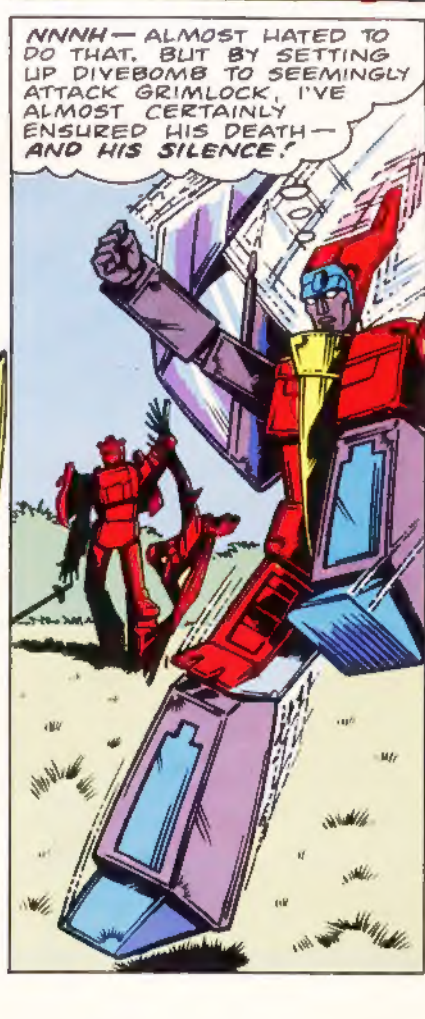
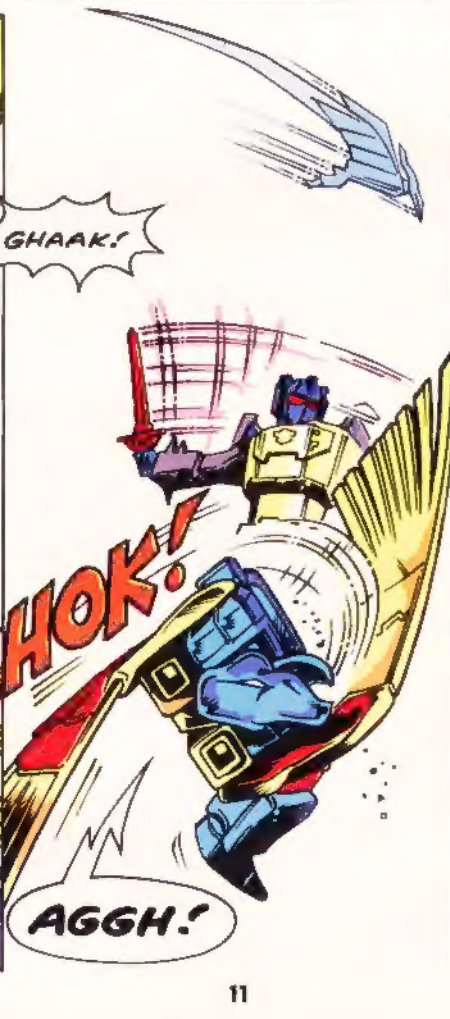
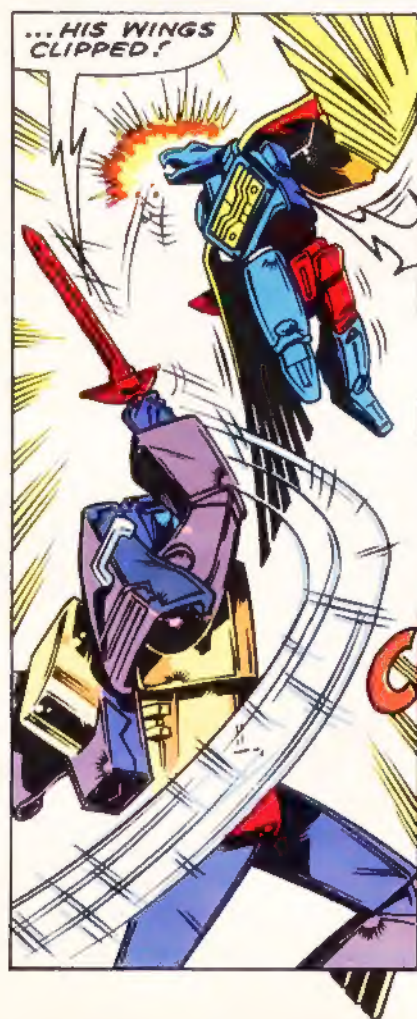
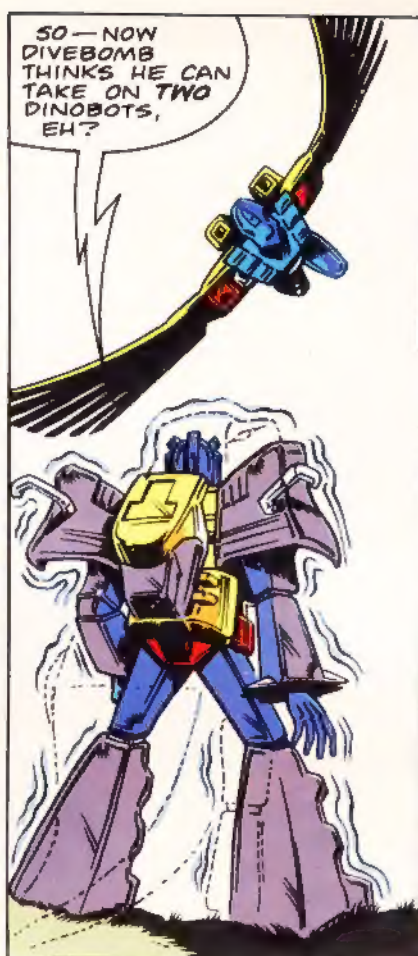
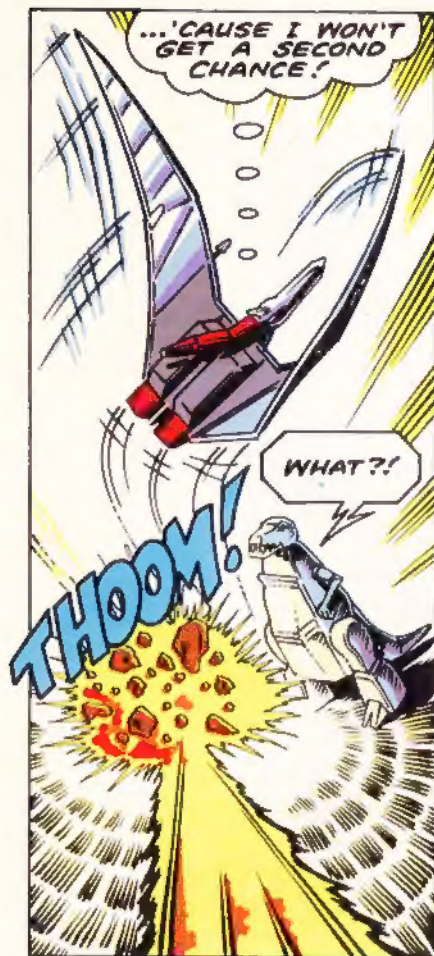


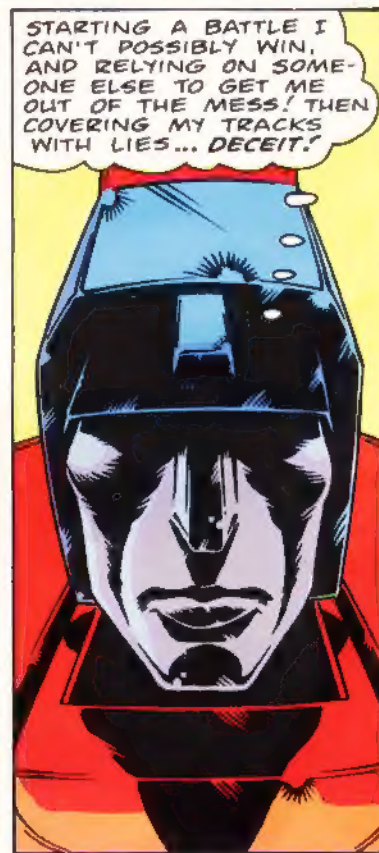
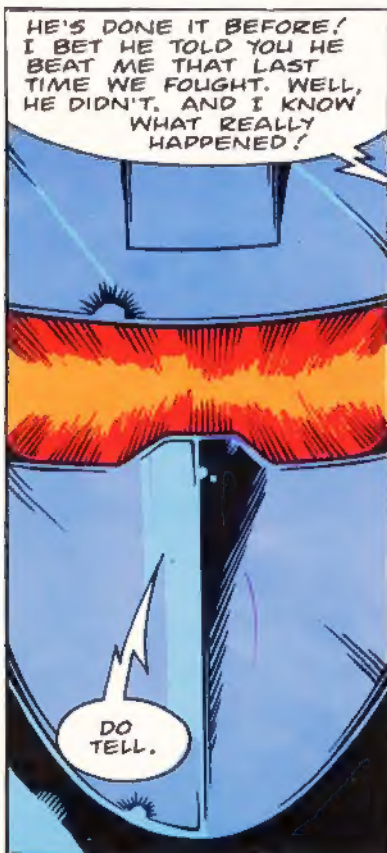
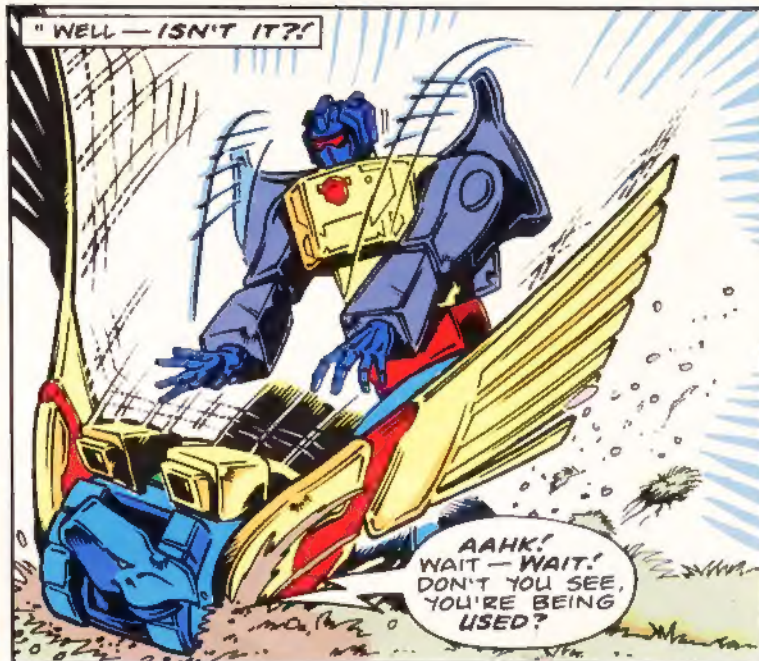
WAIT—GRIMLOCK'S ALWAYS
TELLING ME HOW TOUGH
HE IS, AND HE'S CERTAINLY
PROVED IT AGAINST
RAZORCLAW!



YEAH—THAT'LL
DO THE TRICK.
NOW, ALL I'VE
GOTTA DO IS GET
THIS INCH
PERFECT...







HECK—IF I COULD
ACCEPT DEATH, MY
DEATH, AS A WAY OUT,
WHY OH WHY CAN'T I
ACCEPT DISGRACE WITH
THE SAME COURAGE?!

HUH? IS THAT ALL?
I'VE KNOWN THAT
FOR MONTHS!

YEAH—SINCE I TOOK OVER
THE AUTOBOT LEADERSHIP
I'VE HAD ACCESS TO ALL
PRIME'S UNLOGGED
REPORTS—INCLUDING
THAT ONE!

NO!

ALL OF
IT? ABOUT
PRIME?

BUT—BUT
DON'T YOU CARE?
WHY HAVEN'T YOU
EXPOSED SWOOP
TO RIDICULE?

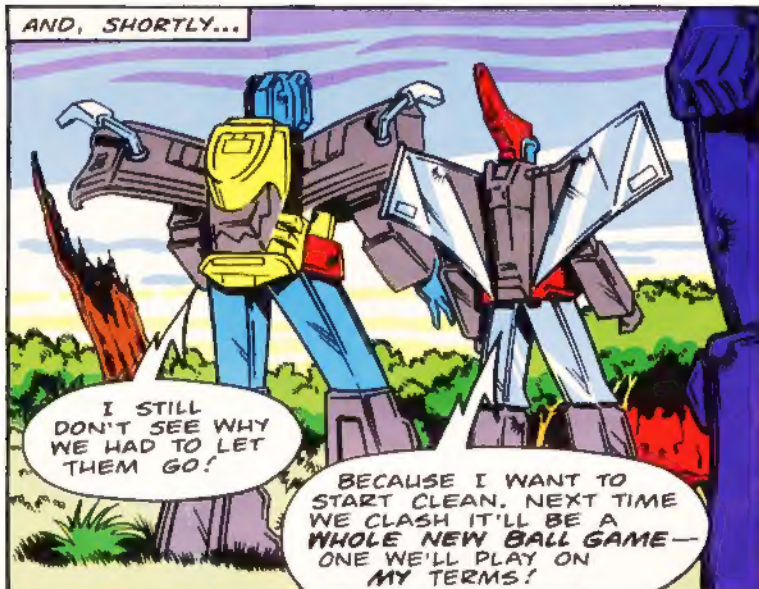
YOU WEREN'T
LISTENING EARLIER,
WERE YOU? LIKE I
SAID—WE DINOBOTS
LOOK AFTER OUR
OWN!

NO—ONE
ELSE NEED KNOW...
IF YOU GET MY
MEANING!

NO,
GRIMLOCK—
NO!

IT'S TIME
I STOPPED
LETTING
OTHERS FIGHT
MY BATTLES
FOR ME!

AND, SHORTLY...

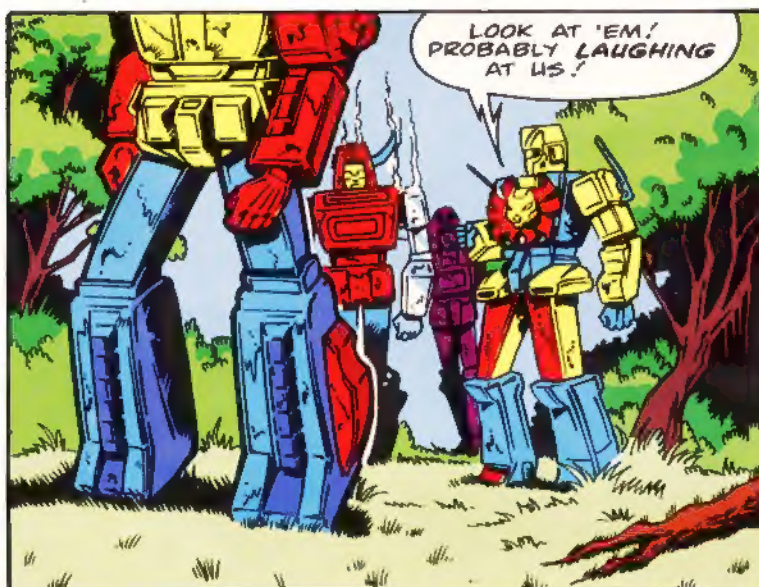


I STILL DON'T SEE WHY WE HAD TO LET THEM GO!

BECAUSE I WANT TO START CLEAN. NEXT TIME WE CLASH IT'LL BE A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME—ONE WE'LL PLAY ON MY TERMS!



BUT FIRST THERE'S A CERTAIN BATTLE ON CYBERTRON I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT!

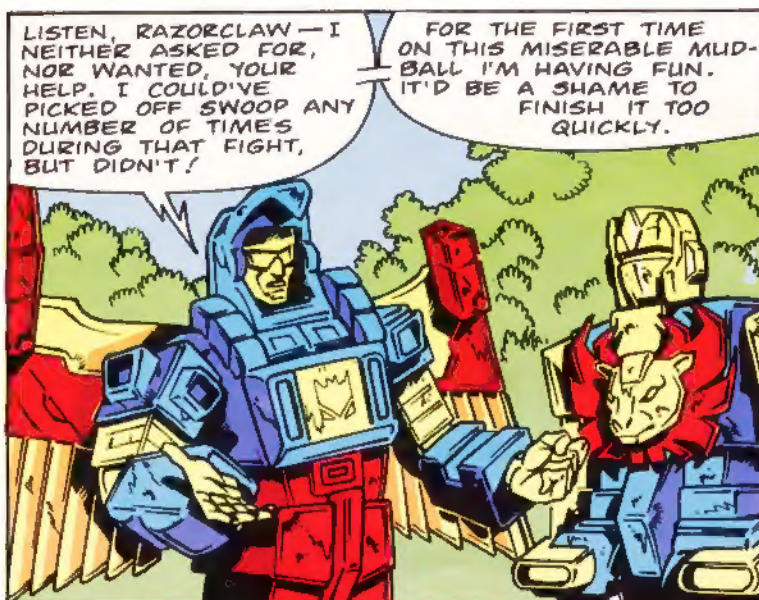


LOOK AT 'EM! PROBABLY LAUGHING AT US!



HERE, DIVEBOMB—USE THIS. YOU COULD STILL TAKE OUT SWOOP AND THEN SCARPER!

AND WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?



LISTEN, RAZORCLAW—I NEITHER ASKED FOR, NOR WANTED, YOUR HELP. I COULD'VE PICKED OFF SWOOP ANY NUMBER OF TIMES DURING THAT FIGHT, BUT DIDN'T!

FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THIS MISERABLE MUD-BALL I'M HAVING FUN. IT'D BE A SHAME TO FINISH IT TOO QUICKLY.



YOU SEE, MY PLAYMATE'S COME BACK...

AND THIS IS ONE GAME I'LL WIN IN MY OWN GOOD TIME!



NEXT:

LADIES' NIGHT!